



Economist

The Irish Fiscal Advisory Council (IFAC) is an independent, statutory body established under the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2012. The Council performs a monitoring function with respect to the Government's fiscal policy. In particular, the Council is required to assess the official forecasts contained within each Budget and the Stability Programme Updates. The Council also assesses the fiscal stance and compliance with legislated fiscal rules. More information about the Council can be found at www.fiscalcouncil.ie.

The Council is seeking to recruit an Economist. This position will be attractive to persons with a keen interest in policy and eager to further a career in economics. The position provides an opportunity to work as part of a dynamic team supporting the Council in fulfilling its mandate.

Job Specification

The successful candidate will work mainly with the Chief Economist but also with highly experienced Council members who are drawn from academia, think-tanks and international organisations.

Main duties include:

- Assessing macroeconomic and budgetary developments on an ongoing basis.
- Contributing to IFAC's continuing research agenda.
- Developing analytical tools.
- Producing in-depth studies, particularly in the area of macroeconomics and public finances.

The Economist is required to have:

- A minimum of a Master's qualification in economics.
- At least 3 years professional experience involving macroeconomic or fiscal analysis.
- Strong analytical skills, including ability to use current statistical/econometric techniques.
- Excellent writing skills.
- Excellent interpersonal, teamwork and communications skills.

Previous experience involving analysis of macroeconomic and fiscal developments as well as macroeconomic forecasting will be an advantage.

Terms & Conditions

Secondment arrangements and fixed terms contracts will be considered, as will the possibility of appointment on a permanent basis, following a probationary period. The position is based in IFAC's offices, which are shared with the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) in Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.

Salary

The salary will be linked to the Assistant Principal civil service rate (Personal Pension Contribution) Pay Scale: €65,000 - €65,000 - €66,040 - €68,262 - €70,479 - €71,758 (NMAX) - €73,995(LS1) - €76,224(LS2). Candidates should note that entry will normally be at the minimum of the scale and the rate of remuneration may be adjusted from time to time in line with Government pay policy. Different pay and conditions may apply, if, immediately prior to appointment the appointee is already a serving Civil Servant or Public Servant.

Application Procedure

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter indicating their suitability for the post, together with a completed application form and a detailed CV by email to jobs@fiscalcouncil.ie by **no later than Thursday 9th February 2017**. Candidates must be available for interviews on Thursday 16th February 2017. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.