



## Research Assistant

The Irish Fiscal Advisory Council (IFAC) is an independent statutory body established as part of a wider agenda of reform of Ireland's budgetary architecture. It plays a key role in assessing macroeconomic and budgetary forecasts, monitoring compliance with Irish and EU fiscal rules, and advising on fiscal policy. For more information about IFAC, see [www.fiscalcouncil.ie](http://www.fiscalcouncil.ie).

IFAC is seeking to recruit a Research Assistant. The position will be attractive to persons with a keen interest in policy and eager to further a career in economics. It provides an opportunity to work as part of a dynamic team supporting the work of IFAC.

### Job Specification

The successful candidate will work mainly with economists in the Secretariat but also directly with highly experienced Council members who are drawn from academia, think-tanks and international organisations. Dedicated supervision and additional training will be provided. Skills acquired on completion of the term could be applied to PhD research or to roles in the private or public sectors. Key duties will include:

- Contributing to assessments of macroeconomic and budgetary developments; to the fulfilment of the endorsement function; and to IFAC's publications.
- Developing the Council's analysis of long-run demographics and government spending.
- Assisting in the development of analytical tools for forecasting and for policy analysis and contributing to the Council's wider research agenda.

The successful candidate would be required to have:

- A Master's qualification in economics.
- A good background in economics and an interest in public finance issues.
- Excellent writing, interpersonal, teamwork and communications skills.

### Terms & Conditions

The successful candidates will initially be appointed on a 2-year, fixed term basis, with a possibility of extension. There is a probationary period of 6 months, on terms and conditions in line with those in the Irish civil service. The position will be based in the IFAC offices, which are shared with the Economic and Social Research Institute on Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.

### Salary

The salary for the Research Assistant will be linked to the civil service scale for Administrative Officer (Standard Scale PPC): €31,533; €33,911; €34,589; €37,566; €41,377; €44,276; €47,178; €50,089; €52,991; €55,882; €57,887<sup>1</sup>; €59,887<sup>1</sup>. Entry will normally be at the minimum of the scale and remuneration may be adjusted in line with Government pay policy. Different pay and conditions may apply if the appointee is already a serving Civil Servant or Public Servant.

### Application Procedure

Interested applicants should submit a brief cover letter indicating their suitability for the post, together with a completed application form and a CV by email to [jobs@fiscalcouncil.ie](mailto:jobs@fiscalcouncil.ie) by **no later than Wed 28th February 2018**. Applicants must be available for interview in early-March. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants currently in Master's programmes are eligible to apply and secondment arrangements will be considered. The start date is negotiable but will commence no earlier than July 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> After 3 Years and after 6 years satisfactory service at maximum, respectively.