

## Fiscal Council seeks a Research Assistant

The Irish Fiscal Advisory Council is the State's independent budgetary watchdog. It is responsible for assessing the Government's forecasts and its overall budgetary stance.

The Council is now seeking a Research Assistant. This position will be attractive to those interested in policy and in pursuing a career in economics.

### Job description

The successful candidate will primarily work as part of a dynamic team of Economists supporting the Council. They will also work directly with highly experienced Council members drawn from academia, think-tanks, and international bodies. The successful candidate will receive dedicated supervision and training. The skills acquired from the role could be applied to PhD research or to public or private sector roles.

Key duties will include:

- Working together with other staff to assess macroeconomic and budgetary developments.
- Developing the Council's understanding of trends in demographics, the public finances, and fiscal risks.
- Contributing to the Council's wider research agenda.

The successful candidate would be required to have:

- A Master's in economics and a good background in economics.
- Some knowledge of EU and Member State public finance issues.
- Excellent writing, communications, interpersonal skills, and teamwork.

### Terms & Conditions

Successful candidates will initially be appointed on a two-year, fixed term basis, with a possible extension. Terms and conditions in line with the Irish civil service and a probationary period of 6 months apply. The Council's offices are shared with the ESRI at Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2. The Council operates a flexible remote working policy.

### Salary

The Research Assistant salary is linked to the civil service scale for an Administrative Officer (Standard Scale PPC): €33,889, €36,406, €37,125, €40,277, €44,311, €47,381, €50,454, €53,560, €56,663, €59,756, €61,899<sup>1</sup>, €64,038<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/conditions may apply if appointee is already a serving Civil or Public Servant.

### Application Procedure

Applicants should submit (1) a completed application form, (2) a cover letter, and (3) a CV to [admin@FiscalCouncil.ie](mailto:admin@FiscalCouncil.ie) by **no later than Friday 2nd September 2022**.

Late/incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants currently in Master's programmes can apply and the Council is open to considering secondment arrangements. The start date is negotiable.

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