

## Position Details

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### Summer 2017 Research Graduate Programme in Directorate General Research

**Reference** 2016-226-TRA

#### Function

The Directorate General Research (DG/R) of the European Central Bank (ECB) is seeking applications for participation in its summer research graduate programme.

The programme is aimed at highly promising students in their second or third year of PhD studies in economics, finance, statistics, mathematics or related fields. The successful research graduates will have the opportunity to work in DG/R for three months during the summer. The graduates will contribute to the activities of one of the two divisions in the Directorate, namely the Monetary Policy Research Division or the Financial Research Division, depending on their expertise.

The successful applicant will be entrusted with the following main tasks:

- conducting research on a proposed topic of relevance for the ECB, under the supervision of a senior economist from DG/R;
- presenting the results of the research in a seminar at the end of the programme;
- interacting with economists from DG/R and other business areas of the ECB;
- familiarising himself/herself with the working environment of DG/R, and with the organisation more generally.

#### Qualifications and experience

Applicants must have the following knowledge and competencies:

- two years of PhD studies (or equivalent) in economics, finance, statistics, mathematics or related fields, with completed course work;
- an advanced command of English with proven drafting ability;
- an intermediate command of at least one other official language of the EU;
- a working knowledge of MS Office, in particular Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

#### Competencies

The successful candidate will have the following behavioural competencies:

- has very good interpersonal and communication skills;
- manages his/her own workload independently;
- shares information and supports team members in the achievement of common goals.

## **Further information**

PhD traineeship of three months during the summer of 2017.

To further enhance the diversity of its workforce, the ECB particularly encourages applications from female candidates.

Applications should include a CV and a complete list of graduate and undergraduate courses and related grades. The list should be issued by the relevant academic institution. Applicants should also submit a detailed proposal (2-4 pages) on the research to be undertaken during their visit. The documents should be uploaded as a single .doc or .pdf file in the "attachments" section of the application before the closing date for applications.

## **How to apply**

Applications are to be made in English and submitted using our online application form. An "Applicants' Guide" can be downloaded from our recruitment pages.

The recruitment process may include a pre-screening exercise and a telephone interview.

Before applying, applicants should check that they meet the conditions set out in Article 4 of the rules governing the traineeship programme:

[http://www.ecb.europa.eu/careers/pdf/traineeship\\_programme.pdf](http://www.ecb.europa.eu/careers/pdf/traineeship_programme.pdf).

Further information on the ECB's traineeships can be found at

<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/careers/newcomers/trainee/html/index.en.html>.

Applicants are accepted from nationals of the Member States of the European Union.

The requirements laid down in the vacancy notice must be met by the closing date for applications.

This vacancy notice may be used to fill the same position again, or similar positions, within 12 months of the selection decision.

**Closing date for applications: Mon, 16 Jan 2017**