

## JOB DESCRIPTION

### Economist Placement/ Internship



**Government  
Economic  
Service**

**Organisation name:** Government Economic Service

**Job title:** Economist Placement/ Internship

**Reports to:** Senior Economist

### Role responsibility

The Government Economic Service is one of the Civil Service Professions and is the professional body for economists in the UK public sector. We define economics as using analysis and evidence to make decisions, while also balancing ethical impact and expected outcomes. This is an exciting time to join the Civil Service, where you will become part of a community of over 1,500 economists and put your economic learning to direct use in high impact areas.

Our scheme offers varied and challenging roles within a number of different government departments, including the Department for Education, the Department of Health and Social Care, and the Department for Work and Pensions. During your time here, you will gain experience working alongside a professional government economist to provide support with ongoing projects, undertake essential analysis and build evidence to support policy development and delivery.

### Role duties

- Work collaboratively with other economists to build evidence and support policy development.
- Analyse large datasets, using technical skills for applied analysis with statistical software.
- Draw appropriate conclusions from economic analysis, using an evidence-based approach.
- Integrate with the department you are placed in, quickly adapting to understand their objectives and aims so your work will have a meaningful impact.
- Assist in the preparation of vital briefings for ministers or the public.
- Present findings to colleagues and stakeholders.
- Validate and fact-check work to ensure quality and appropriate use of economic statistics.
- Provide support for ad-hoc requests for information and analysis from both internal and external parties.

### Qualifications and skills

- Expected to achieve a minimum of a 2:1 degree in economics or economics with another subject.
- Skilled in the handling and analysis of large amounts of data.
- Strong IT skills, with the ability to learn and use computer programmes such as Excel.
- Able to work on own initiative and prioritise tasks and time.
- Works well with others to achieve objectives.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Organised with an attention to detail and a methodical approach to research.
- Results focused with the drive to pursue a career in government economics.

This job description is a case study only. It should not be considered as an accurate description of a live role.