

Job description

The economist will work in the Education sector. We are looking for somebody who will be a key member of teams working on projects and who can, or will soon be able to, lead projects in their own right.

A central role for economists at this level is to undertake high quality and rigorous research in a timely and efficient manner. But they will also be:

1. Originating and developing high-quality research ideas on their own initiative and seeing them through to completion. This includes:
 - a. coming up with imaginative and practical research ideas that are both scientifically rigorous and policy relevant;
 - b. engaging effectively with other colleagues to evaluate and help develop their ideas, including academics and people outside the individual's sector or outside the IFS;
 - c. taking the lead in making research funding applications;
 - d. undertaking the research in a thorough, time-efficient way, to the high standards IFS expects;
 - e. presenting and defending their work to the relevant audiences;
 - f. writing it up and disseminating it effectively and building up a strong record of publication;
2. Taking responsibility for the day-to-day running of projects;
3. Providing intellectual supervision and management support to more junior members of staff and taking a key role in the development of more junior staff;
4. Working effectively with their sector head and others in their sector and beyond to help ensure smooth running of the sector and IFS;
5. Representing IFS effectively and responsibly to external stakeholders, including the media, policymakers, businesspeople and academics.

We do not expect all members of staff to be achieving all these equally well and some will progress on the basis of specific strengths. Expectations will increase with pay and seniority.