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Vacancy Notice No.: EXT/F/21-20

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Title: Statistical Officer

Application Deadline: 9 June 2021

Grade: 6P

Division: Trade Policies Review

Contract Type: Fixed-term

Starting Salary: CHF 84,440 net per annum (approximate)

Duration: Two years with possibility of extension.

Other Conditions: In accordance with WTO Staff Regulations and Staff Rules and WTO Pension Plan Regulations.
The World Trade Organization offers an attractive compensation package including an annual net salary (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance), dependency benefits, pension plan, health insurance scheme, separation grant, and 30 days annual leave. Benefits for internationally recruited staff may include travel and removal expenses on appointment and separation, installation grant, education grant, rental subsidy, and home leave. Additional information on the compensation package is provided on the WTO website:
https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/compensation_e.htm

The Secretariat of the WTO is seeking to fill the position of Statistical Officer in the Regional Trade Agreements Section of the Trade Policies Review Division.

General Functions

Under the general supervision of the Head of the RTA Section and a statistical officer, the incumbent will be involved in preparing and analyzing data for the RTA Factual Presentations, as well as in other activities related to work in the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements (CRTA) and the Dedicated Session of the Committee on Trade and Development (CTD) on RTAs.

More specifically, this includes:

1. Analyzing the tariff (most-favoured-nation and preferential) and import data (bilateral and global) received from RTA parties.
2. Assessing the accuracy of the data against other sources such as the United Nations Statistics Division Commodity Trade Statistics Database and other WTO databases and following up, as required, with the parties to the RTA on the data submitted.
3. Presenting the tariff and economic data analysis in tables and charts showing the evolution of the agreements and of intra-RTA and global trade in goods, services and foreign direct investment.
4. Preparing trade and tariff data for the WTO's RTA database showing the evolution of tariffs under individual agreements as well as data on trade. Verifying and updating tariff and trade data on an annual basis for the database.

5. Preparing tables and charts as required for the work of the CRTA and data analysis for research and publications by the RTA Section.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Advanced university degree in economics or statistics or other related disciplines with a strong focus on statistical methods and applications as well as statistical programming. Alternatively, a basic university degree in the aforementioned subjects and proven professional expertise equivalent to an advanced university degree could be considered.

Knowledge and Skills:

Technical skills:

Knowledge of statistical concepts and good applied statistical skills; excellent data processing, analysing and visualization skills.

Good knowledge of tariff and trade classifications as well as national and international practices in the area.

Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Excel and strong programming skills and proficiency in R, Python, or SAS; skills for managing SQL databases including MS Access Databases; experience or proficiency in other data science related software packages or tools would be an asset.

Behavioural skills:

Good organizational and time management skills.

The following interpersonal capabilities are required: present technical facts to knowledgeable specialised audiences; persuade others to a point of view using facts; work as a member of a team, relating to others, while working independently to achieve his/her objectives; relate to and build relationships with colleagues; communicate information in a clear way and understand information.

Work Experience:

At least two years of experience in data science, statistics or economics at the national or international level. Relevant experience in trade and tariff data collection, processing and analysis would be an asset.

Languages:

Fluency in English (at a level corresponding or equivalent to a minimum of C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)) is required to enable communication both orally and in writing when verifying data with the parties to an agreement and when drafting explanatory notes. Working knowledge of French or Spanish (at a level corresponding or equivalent to a minimum of B2), would be an asset.

Additional Information:

Only applications from nationals of WTO Members will be accepted.

For WTO staff members on fixed-term or regular contracts, only those who have spent minimum two years on their current post are normally considered eligible to apply, as per administrative memorandum 976 paragraph 46.

The WTO may use various communication technologies such as video or teleconference for the assessment and evaluation of candidates. The recruitment process may also involve the use of various forms of testing, assessment centres, interviews and reference checks.

Candidates not selected whose performance in the selection process nevertheless shows them to be suitable for a similar position may be kept on a roster for up to 24 months, and may subsequently be called upon as and when the need arises for additional resources.

APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO SIT A WRITTEN EXAMINATION

APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY IF SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW

Please note that all candidates must complete an online application form.
To apply, please visit the WTO's E-Recruitment website at: <https://erecruitment.wto.org>.
The system provides instructions for online application procedures.

All applicants are encouraged to apply online as soon as possible after the vacancy has been posted and well before the closing date – Geneva (Switzerland) time – stated in the vacancy announcement.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE
CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The WTO is a non-smoking environment.