

Working as an Economist : career exploration and job search resources



Undergraduate and postgraduate Economics degrees are popular with a wide range of recruiters, e.g. strategy and management consultants, investment banks and financial services in general, as well as a broad range of other commercial enterprises, and public and not for profit sector employers. However, the work they recruit candidates with Economics degrees to do is often more dependent on the transferable skills economists have, e.g. analytical, quantitative and modelling skills, than on the regular application of their technical knowledge.

Listed below are a broad selection of organisations and firms which are particularly interested in **recruiting economists to work as economists** and in many instances they offer specific internships and career paths for economists. Some target PhDs, some PhDs and Masters, and others are also interested in hearing from undergraduate economists. In all instances, if you think you might be interested in applying for an internship or a permanent position then you should be keeping a check on your targets' websites from early in the Michaelmas term of the year prior to when you want to take up an internship or permanent position.

CENTRAL BANKS, INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

African Development Bank (ADB) www.afdb.org

The ADB is a regional multilateral development finance institution established in 1964 and engaged in mobilising resources towards the economic and social progress of its Regional Member Countries (RMCs). Its HQ is in Abidjan, but it is temporarily located in Tunis because of the unrest in Cote d'Ivoire.

In addition to posting job vacancies on its website it also provides information on internships for which you must be a current student (open to undergraduates and graduates), and meet the nationality criteria. Information is also available there on its Young Professional Programme for which you need at least a Masters degree, and must meet age and member country national criteria. Member countries include not only those in the region but also donor countries – so that USA, a number of European countries and China and Japan are included.

Asian Development Bank www.adb.org

The ADB is dedicated to poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific, a region that is home to two thirds of the world's poor. Established in 1966 its HQ is in Manila, the ADB is owned and financed by its 67 member countries, of which 48 are from the region and 19 are from other parts of the globe. It contributes low interest loans, guarantees, grants, private sector investments, and knowledge and advice to help build infrastructure and improve essential services such as health and education. The Bank's focus is on encouraging economic growth, social development, and good governance, while promoting regional cooperation and integration in partnership with governments, the private sector, NGOs and international organizations.

Check its website for details of the annual internship programme for which Masters and PhD students that meet the eligibility criteria may apply.

Bank for International Settlements (BIS) – www.bis.org

BIS is an international organisation which fosters international monetary and financial cooperation and serves as a bank for central banks. The BIS fulfils this mandate by acting as: a forum to promote discussion and policy analysis among central banks and within the international financial community; a centre for economic and monetary research; a prime counterparty for central banks in their financial transactions; and an agent or trustee in connection with international financial operations. The BIS HQ is in Basel, Switzerland and there are representative offices in Hong Kong and Mexico City.

The BIS website gives access to the websites of central banks around the world, e.g. Monetary Authority of Singapore (a place on the Graduate Program or an internship in the Monetary Policy, Investment & Research Group may be of interest to you, there appear to be no nationality restrictions, www.mas.gov.sg); or for those authorised to work in the USA, the Federal Reserve Board www.federalreserve.gov/careers/default.htm and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York www.newyorkfed.org/careers/index.html; or Canada , Bank of Canada www.bankofcanada.ca/en/hr/index.html

Bank of England www.bankofengland.co.uk

In pursuing its goal of maintaining a stable and efficient monetary and financial framework the Bank has two core purposes - monetary stability and financial stability. In pursuit of both purposes the Bank works closely with others, including: other central banks and international organisations to improve the international monetary system; and HM Treasury and the Financial Services Authority to pursue financial stability.

Information on the Bank's recruitment opportunities are available at <http://www.jobsatthebank.co.uk/main.aspx>. Internships are available to undergraduate, Masters and PhD students. Their graduate recruitment programme offers opportunities to first degree graduates from all degree disciplines. Postgraduate opportunities are offered to those who have a Masters degree in Economics and/or Finance. There is also a PhD Economist programme. Since deadlines and eligibility criteria vary (although work permits will be sought for suitably qualified candidates that require them), you should check the website early in the Michaelmas term of the year prior to when you wish to start the internship or permanent position.

European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) www.ebrd.org

The EBRD uses the tools of investment to help build market economies and democracies in countries from central Europe to central Asia. The EBRD is the largest single investor in the region and mobilises significant foreign direct investment beyond its own financing. Its HQ is in London. It is owned by 61 countries and two intergovernmental institutions. But despite its public sector shareholders, it invests mainly in private enterprises, usually together with commercial partners. It provides project financing for banks, industries and businesses, both new ventures and investments in existing companies. It also works with publicly owned companies to support privatisation, restructuring state-owned firms and improvement of municipal services. The Bank uses its close relationship with governments in the region to promote policies that will bolster the business environment.

Internship opportunities are advertised under 'current vacancies' check its website for deadlines and eligibility criteria. Applicants must be nationals of member countries, but these do extend well beyond the EU, e.g. Australia, Egypt, Japan, Mexico, Russia and USA.

European Central Bank (ECB) www.ecb.int

In 1998 the ECB replaced the European Monetary Institute. Based in Frankfurt, it is responsible for the conduct of monetary policy and the performance of other central banking functions for the euro. It carries out these tasks together with the national central banks of the euro area. It is developing a strong reputation for research, particularly in monetary economics and is keen to attract talented from its member countries.

Internships are available for Masters and PhD students and very occasionally undergraduates. There is also a Graduate Programme for postgraduates, with PhDs particularly valued. Applicants for all programmes must be citizens of an EU country. These opportunities are advertised on the 'Working for Europe' section of the ECB website.

European Investment Bank www.eib.org

The European Investment Bank was created by the Treaty of Rome in 1958 as the long-term lending bank of the European Union. The task of the Bank is to contribute towards the integration, balanced development and economic and social cohesion of the EU Member States. The EIB raises substantial volumes of funds on the capital markets which it lends on favourable terms to projects furthering EU policy objectives. It is based in Luxembourg.

Recruitment for permanent jobs usually requires work experience but it is possible to apply speculatively for work experience. Citizenship of an EU country is a requirement. See the FAQ Jobs section of their website.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) www.iadb.org

The Inter-American Development Bank is the oldest and largest regional bank in the world, and is the main source of multilateral financing for economic, social and institutional development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its loans and grants help finance development projects and support strategies to reduce poverty, expand growth, increase trade and investment, promote regional integration, and foster private sector development and modernization of the State. The IDB Group is composed of the IDB, the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) and the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF). The IIC focuses on support for small and medium-sized businesses, while the MIF promotes private sector growth through grants and investments. The Bank's HQ is in Washington, with regional offices in Latin America, Caribbean, France and Japan.

Employment opportunities include junior professional programmes (you must have at least a Masters), summer and winter internships for graduate students, and separate summer/winter programmes for undergraduates. There are also several diversity programmes for Afro-descendants and indigenous peoples. All applicants must have citizenship in one of the 47 member countries. Fluency in at least two of the Bank's four official languages—English, Spanish, Portuguese and French—is required for most positions, although, in practice, a good knowledge of Spanish is almost essential as that is what the staff speak in their daily interactions.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) www.imf.org

The IMF is an international organization of 185 member countries, with its HQ in Washington DC. It was established to promote international monetary cooperation, exchange stability, and orderly exchange arrangements; to foster economic growth and high levels of employment; and to provide temporary financial assistance to countries to help ease balance of payments adjustment. The IMF performs three main activities: monitoring national, regional and global economic and financial developments and advising member countries on their economic policies ("surveillance"); lending members hard currencies to bolster their international reserves in order to support policy programs designed to correct balance of payments problems; and offering technical assistance in its areas of expertise, as well as training for government and central bank officials.

The Economist Program, the main point of entry for economists into the IMF, is primarily targeted at PhDs in macroeconomics, public and international finance, although Masters candidates with some years' of relevant experience at the policy-making level are considered. There is also an internship programme for PhD students working in macroeconomics or related fields. They also have a Research Assistants Program offering a two-year non-renewable appointment (i.e. you cannot start an economist career in the IMF from here) which is open to candidates who are just completing an undergraduate degree in economics, computer statistics, math, or business administration.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) www.oecd.org

The OECD brings together the governments of countries committed to democracy and the market economy to support sustainable economic growth; boost employment; raise living standards; maintain financial stability; assist other countries' economic development; and contribute to growth in world trade. The OECD HQ is located in Paris.

It offers 'traineeships' similar to internships to full-time students, with economics a preferred discipline. Details of eligibility and how to apply are to be found in the 'Job Opportunities' section of the website, as well as details of the once every two years Young Professionals Program for which a PhD in Economics is preferred, but a Masters is acceptable.

World Bank www.worldbank.org

The World Bank Group, headquartered in Washington and owned by its 185 member countries, is a source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. It is made up of—the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Development Association (IDA), and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). It also has a subsidiary, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), which acts as its private sector arm. The IBRD focuses on middle income and creditworthy poor countries, while IDA focuses on the

poorest countries in the world providing interest-free credit with long repayment periods. They provide low-interest loans and grants to developing countries for education, health, infrastructure, communications and many other purposes.

In addition to publishing job vacancies for experienced candidates the World Bank publishes opportunities for internships, its Junior Professional (JP) and Young Professional (YP) Programmes on its website. All have specific eligibility criteria and deadlines so it is essential to check the website if you are interested (look under Employment Opportunities). The **IFC** (International Finance Corporation) also has some graduate entry level positions for Investment Analysts see <http://www.ifc.org/careers/>. Recruitment for **MIGA** (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency) internships and full-time entry level positions is via the main World Bank recruitment process.

World Economic Forum – www.weforum.org

The World Economic Forum is an independent, international organization incorporated as a Swiss not-for-profit foundation. It runs the annual conference of world leaders at its annual conference in Davos. It sees itself as an international body representing the private sector (just as the UN represents the public sector. Its motto is 'entrepreneurship in the global public interest' and it believes that economic progress without social development is not sustainable, while social development without economic progress is not feasible. The Forum's headquarters are located on the outskirts of Geneva. WEF members represent the 1,000 leading companies and 200 smaller businesses - many from the developing world - that play a potent role in their industry or region. The Forum provides member companies, governments and institutions the opportunity to work together to address global challenges.

Job vacancies, usually requiring experience, are posted on their website.

World Trade Organisation (WTO) – www.wto.org

The WTO is a global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. At its heart are the WTO agreements, negotiated and signed by the bulk of the world's trading nations and ratified in their parliaments. The goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business.

The WTO secretariat (based in Geneva) maintains a limited internship programme for post-graduate university students wishing to gain practical experience and deeper knowledge of the multilateral trading system. Details of eligibility and how to apply are on the WTO website.

United Nations (UN) - www.un.org

The UN recruits people from a wide range of academic disciplines and with varying levels and variety of work experience. For opportunities with an economics focus use Economic Affairs as a search word at <https://jobs.un.org/Galaxy/Release3/vacancy/vacancy.aspx>. Internships are also advertised on this site. In addition employment opportunities with a specific Economic and Social Development aspect across the UN can be accessed through <http://www.un.org/esa/employment.html>

PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UK

Government Economic Service www.ges.gov.uk

The Government Economic Service (GES) is the UK's largest recruiter of economists with over 1000 professionals in more than 30 central government departments and agencies.

There are 2 ways to join (without substantial work experience) : Fast Stream Assistant Economist (including the Diplomatic Service option); and Students Placements. A postgraduate degree in Economics is not essential but it is valued. For an Economist position in the Diplomatic Service you must be a UK citizen, but for most other GES positions UK, EEA and Commonwealth citizens are eligible to apply. The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) sometimes directly recruits entry level Masters and PhD Economists <http://www.oft.gov.uk/about/careers/> same nationality criteria apply. Citizens of other countries are likely to find that similar opportunities exist in the public sector of their home country.

THINK TANKS & RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

Adam Smith Institute (ASI) – www.adamsmith.org

The Adam Smith Institute is a UK think tank with a focus on free-market economic and social policies. It researches practical ways to inject choice and competition into public services, extend personal freedom, reduce taxes, prune back regulation, and cut government waste. Politically independent and non-profit, the Institute promotes its ideas through reports, briefings, events, media appearances, and its website and blog.

The ASI offers unpaid internships to university students and others who would like to work at the ASI for a minimum of two days a week during term-time or full-time during holidays. Job vacancies are posted when available.

CESifo Group* – www.cesifo-group.de

The CESifo Group consists of the Center for Economic Studies (CES), the Ifo Institute for Economic Research and the CESifo GmbH (Munich Society for the Promotion of Economic Research) and is based in Munich. It combines the theoretically orientated economic research of a university with the empirical work of a leading Economic research institute and places this combination in an international environment. The services offered by the Group include the Ifo Business Climate Index and contributions to policy debate at the national and European levels.

Job vacancies and internships are advertised on their website. The Group also offers a Graduate Integrated Programme (doctoral programme) which can have an academic (Centre for Economic Studies, CES) or a more empirical orientation in the Ifo Institute.

Deutsches Institut fuer Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW)* - www.diw.de

The DIW is the largest economic research institute in Germany, working on topics that include: macroeconomic analysis and forecasting; international economics; public sector; innovation, manufacturing and services; information society and competition; energy, transportation and environment; and longitudinal data and microanalysis. It has about 100 research staff and is based in Berlin. It is an independent, non-profit academic institution involved in basic research and policy advice. The DIW works closely with universities in the Berlin and Brandenburg area.

They post vacancies for Research Economists on their website, and welcome applications from candidates for Visiting Fellowships. It is not essential to be German to apply although a knowledge of the German language will help integration and allow involvement in economic consultancy work. The FAQ page of the Career section of their website is very helpful.

Centre for Economic Policy Research - www.cepr.org

CEPR's research is conducted by a network of over 700 international researchers who retain their own academic bases. CEPR develops projects and obtains funding for them; administers and executes the projects; disseminates the results of the research.

Its website advertises both vacancies at CEPR and within the research networks for pre-and post-doctoral researchers.

Institute of Economic Affairs - www.iea.org.uk/

The IEA think-tank was founded in 1955. Its goal is to explain free-market ideas to the public, politicians, students, journalists, businessmen, academics and anyone interested in public policy. The IEA website has a very useful 'links' section giving access to a wide range of economics and public policy focused organisations, including think tanks.

Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) www.ifs.org.uk

The IFS is an independent research organisation with an international reputation in the Public Finance field. It aims to promote effective economic and social policies through rigorous analysis of their impact on individuals, families, firms and the public finances. The Institute hosts an ESRC research centre.

It posts full-time positions, summer placements (undergraduates and Masters) and PhD scholarships on its website.

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) www.iied.org

The IIED is an independent, non-profit research institute working in the field of sustainable development. In alliance with others it seeks to help shape a future that ends global poverty and delivers and sustains efficient and equitable management of the world's natural resources. Based in London, IIED currently has 74 staff from 16 countries and an annual budget of £9m.

It advertise job vacancies on its website.

Kiel Institute for the World Economy* - www.uni-kiel.de/ifw/

The Kiel Institute is an international center for research in global economic affairs, economic policy consulting, economic education and documentation. The Institute engages in creating solutions to urgent problems in global economic affairs. On the basis of its research, the Institute advises decision-makers in policy, business, and society and informs the broader public about important developments in international economic policy. Founded in 1914 the Institute, is an independent institution, and is affiliated with the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel.

It posts information on Research positions, opportunities for Guest Researchers, Internships and Student Assistants (must have completed at least an undergraduate degree in Economics) in the Job Vacancy and Scholarship section of its website.

National Institute for Economics and Social Research (NIESR) – www.niesr.ac.uk

The NIESR is an independent economic research institute with over sixty years experience of applying academic excellence to the needs of business and policy makers. The Institute is independent of all party political interests. It receives no core funding from government and is not affiliated to any single university, although staff regularly undertake projects in collaboration with leading academic institutions. The Institute's work falls into three fields: economic modelling and macro analysis; education, training and employment; and the international economy.

It posts job vacancies on its website and is open to speculative approaches from postgraduate economists.

Overseas Development Institute (ODI) www.odi.org.uk

ODI is a leading UK independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues. Their mission is to inspire and inform policy and practice which lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries. They do this by linking together high quality applied research, practical policy advice, and policy-focused dissemination and debate. They work with partners in the public and private sectors, in both developing and developed countries.

Since 1963 the ODI Fellowship Scheme has been sending young postgraduate (Masters and PhD) economists to work in the public sector of developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific on two-year contracts. 38 awards were made in 2007. Currently 21 developing country governments and two regional bodies are partners in the Scheme. Applications usually open in Autumn of the year preceding the start of the Fellowship. The ODI website not only gives some information on current Fellows but also post-Fellowship career destinations. The experience gained through an ODI Fellowship is highly regarded by the international financial institutions.

New Economics Foundation (nef) www.neweconomics.org

nef describe themselves as an independent 'think-and-do tank'. They aim to improve quality of life by promoting innovative solutions that challenge mainstream thinking on economic, environment and social issues. They combine analysis and policy debate with practical solutions on the ground, often run and designed with the help of local people. They also create new ways of measuring progress towards increased well-being and environmental sustainability. nef works with - civil society, government, individuals, businesses and academia - , in the UK and internationally to create more understanding and strategies for change.

They post job opportunities on their website.

RAND Corporation <http://www.rand.org/>

RAND is a US-based non-profit institution that seeks to improve policy and decision making through research and analysis. It has recently opened an office in Cambridge, UK. Research covers such social and economic issues as education, poverty, crime, and the environment, as well as a range of national security issues.

RAND offers a number of internship and fellowship programs. The Graduate Student Summer Associate Program allows outstanding students to conduct short-term independent research within the framework of an ongoing RAND project and are mentored by RAND staff. RAND also provides postdoctoral candidates with the opportunity to acquire new knowledge and skills through several RAND division fellowships and programs. There is NO requirement to be a US citizen.

ECONOMIC CONSULTANCIES

Cambridge Econometrics - <http://www.camecon.com>

Cambridge Econometrics offer a consultancy capability to apply economic modeling and data analysis to a wide range of policy and business needs. They often work in collaboration with other consultants to provide a team that brings together the expertise required for a particular project. They also provide economic intelligence services, which explicitly link trends in the wider economy with outcomes in particular markets, sectors and local areas in the UK and Europe.

They post both current vacancies (entry level and experienced) on their website and also say they are willing to be approached speculatively. They will consider economist with undergraduate degrees but prefer postgraduate degrees.

Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) - <http://www.cepa.co.uk>

CEPA is an economic and financial policy advisory business. Their focus is on issues where economics, finance and public policy overlap. In addition to their client work, CEPA undertakes and supports policy-focused research to promote debate and best practice. They re-invest one quarter of their surplus (after remunerating directors and staff) into these activities. They advise governments and their agencies, regulators, non governmental organisations, and the private sector across three practice areas: emerging markets; regulatory economics and competition (UK and Europe); and public policy and finance (UK).

CEPA has a small full-time staff and draws on a network of Associates from industry, consultancy and academia. Strong analytical, economics, corporate finance and consultancy / advisory skills are essential for all applicants. Their website provides an email address for anyone who is interested in working with them.

Capital Economics - <http://www.capitaleconomics.com/>

Capital Economics is a macroeconomic consultancy supplying independent economic analysis to institutional and corporate clients across the globe. They provide research on the US, Europe, Asia and the UK, and on the property sector. They are their clients' outsourced economic advisers. Services include the provision of written economic research, as well as talks to management groups to presentations to hundreds of their clients. They also undertake bespoke research projects commissioned by companies, government agencies, and trade associations.

They post specific vacancies on their website as well as inviting speculative applications. They probably have a preference for postgraduate economists with some work experience.

cebr (Centre for Economic and Business Research) <http://www.cebr.com>

cebr is an independent consultancy that provides analysis, forecasts and strategic advice to companies of all sizes, financial institutions, government departments and agencies, trade bodies and the European Commission. Their forecasts are used by a diverse audience of business people, policy makers and journalists, including the Treasury.

Compass Lexecon

Compass Lexecon specialises in economic analysis of competition, regulatory, litigation and policy matters. It has been engaged by Fortune 500 corporations, governments, and other public-sector entities to assist in numerous high profile mergers, antitrust investigations, and private litigation, spanning across all industries and jurisdictions. Compass Lexecon's European team includes more than 40 economists based in Brussels, London, Madrid and Paris. Many hold PhDs from leading economics departments in Europe and the US, and several hold academic positions across Europe.

In Europe they have a Graduate Recruitment programme with an ongoing application process. Compass Lexecon welcomes applications from exceptional economists expecting to attain a Masters or PhD in Economics, especially those that have specialised in industrial organisation or econometrics. They will also consider undergraduates who expect to obtain a first class degree in economics.

CRA International <http://www.crai.co.uk>

CRA provides economic, financial and business consulting services principally to clients located in the UK, continental Europe and the Middle East. The London-based staff focus on Competition and Litigation Support, Financial Services and business consulting in the Chemicals & Petroleum industries.

In London undergraduates are recruited as Analysts and postgraduates as Consulting Associate or Senior Associate. A background in at least two of the following is required: Microeconomics; Econometrics; and Industrial Economics. Available opportunities are posted on their website for the UK and other locations.

Deloitte – Economic consulting within Corporate Finance <http://www.deloitte.co.uk>

Deloitte's Economic Consulting team sits within the Corporate Finance service area as one of the 'specialist' teams and consists of economists, econometricians and financial analysts who apply economic thinking to business and regulatory problems. They combine modeling skills with deep industry knowledge to provide professional economic advice to companies, regulators and government. Details are available at http://www.deloitte.com/dtt/section_node/0,1042,sid%253D3724,00.html

Europe Economics - www.europe-economics.com/

Europe Economics provides consultancy services in economic regulation, competition policy and the application of economics to public policy and business issues. Clients include government departments, regulators, international bodies, law firms and private-sector companies and associations.

Entry-level recruits generally join as either Analysts (postgraduate degree) or Research Officers (undergraduate degree). A strong background in micro-economics, industrial organisation and/or econometrics is highly valued. Information on how to apply is on their website.

Frontier Economics <http://www.frontier-economics.com>

An economic consultancy with offices in the UK, Belgium, Germany and Australia that works with clients across a range of sectors including energy, financial services, media, health, post, telecoms, transport and water on issues concerned with competition policy, public policy, regulation and strategy amongst others.

In addition to recruiting experienced economists they recruit new graduates (Masters and PhDs preferred) as Analysts and offer internships (undergraduates and postgraduates).

London Economics - <http://www.londecon.co.uk/>

London Economics is a specialist economics consultancy and, since 2000, is part of the Indecon International Economic Consultancy Group. London Economics' HQ is in London, and it works in partnership with the French firm, Stratorg International, which gives it a global reach. They provide strategic advice to large multinationals, small high-growth businesses, government and non-governmental organisations and offer expert support on regulatory issues, market entry strategies, litigation, risk analysis, financial modelling and policy design.

They recruit at the postgraduate level and post vacancies on their website.

Oxford Analytica <http://www.oxan.com>

Oxford Analytica is an international, independent consulting firm drawing on a network of over 1,000 senior faculty members at Oxford and other major universities and research institutions around the world. They provide business and government leaders with geopolitical, macroeconomic and social analysis of developments around the world. Their offices are located in Oxford, UK and Washington DC, USA.

They advertise US and UK internships on their website.

NERA Economic Consultancy - <http://www.nera.com/>

NERA is an international economic consulting firm providing research and analysis of economic and financial issues arising in litigation, regulation, public policy and management. They work with corporations, governments, law firms, regulatory agencies, trade associations, and international agencies. They have over 20 offices across North and South America, Europe, and Asia Pacific. They specialise in industrial and financial economics.

They are usually recruiting for their major offices across the US and in Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Sydney, Melbourne, Shanghai, and Tokyo. In London entry level positions exist at Research Officer and Analyst level for postgraduate applicants. Internships are usually available (for postgraduate students) over the summer period as well as at other times of the year.

Oxera <http://www.oxera.com>

An independent economic consultancy working with governments, regulators and major companies, Oxera has specialist skills in market and policy analysis, corporate finance, regulation, competition policy and performance assessment. These are applied across a wide range of sectors, including communications, energy, financial services, transport and water. They have offices in Oxford and Brussels.

They recruit undergraduates and postgraduates into Analyst positions and also offer Summer internships.

Public and Corporate Economic Consultants (PACEC) <http://www.pacec.co.uk>

PACEC is a specialist economic consultancy practice, with offices in Cambridge and London. They carry out economic development and regeneration strategies, appraisal and feasibility studies, implementation and the evaluation of policies and initiatives to identify the benefits and any improvements required. Key services cover business development, innovation and technology transfer, inward investment, labour markets and training, neighbourhood renewal and social inclusion and property issues.

See website for information on recruitment .

PWC – Economics practice www.pwc.com/uk/careers

Economists at PWC sit within two main business units: Market & Value Advisory Economics (Telecom, Energy, Utilities & Infrastructure, Europe (including Macroeconomics)); and Performance Improvement Consulting Economics (Policy and Sustainability). They require a postgraduate degree in economics; more information is available at <http://www.pwc.com/extweb/service.nsf/docid/604400ED1B737AD280257280004F3A88>

RBB Economics – www.rbbeconomics.co.uk

RBB is an economics consultancy specialising in UK and European competition law, including merger, cartel, and abuse investigations, litigation, regulation, and restrictive agreements cases, at both European and individual member state levels. Offices in London, Rome, Brussels and the Hague.

A postgraduate degree is preferred as is an interest in industrial economics. Further information is available on the RBB website and via vacancies@rbbecon.com

SQW <http://www.sqw.co.uk>

SQW Consulting is an independent consultancy in the area of economic and social development. The firm was founded in Cambridge in 1983 and employs over 70 staff at its offices in Cambridge, Edinburgh, Leeds, London and Manchester. They offer consultancy services in a diverse range of fields, from science & technology, ICT and innovation to rural development, neighbourhood renewal and regional development. Clients include government departments in the UK and overseas, devolved administrations, regional development agencies, funding bodies, local authorities, partnerships and international organisations.

The entry level for graduate recruitment is Research Consultant (an undergraduate degree is sufficient) and new entrants start a 2-year development programme. Candidates can apply all year around; full details are on the website.

INFORMATION & ANALYSIS PROVIDERS

Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) <http://www.eiu.com>

The EIU provides a constant flow of analysis and forecasts on more than 200 countries and eight key industries. They help executives make informed business decisions through dependable intelligence delivered online, in print, in customised research as well as through conferences and peer interchange.

Recruitment and internships are offered through the Economist Group website <http://www.economistgroup.com/>. Research internships at the EIU are usually attached to one of the regional teams (Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Middle East & North Africa, Latin America, plus Economics/Data Services for those with a particular interest in macroeconomic data and Excel). There are also internship opportunities in Wire Services, which is responsible for generating daily political, economic and market analysis on 201 countries, and Executive Services, which is home to their custom publishing and research activities. Applicants should have an interest in economics and should be undertaking undergraduate or post-graduate studies that include economics. Most internships take place during the summer; however, a few internships are also offered at other times of the year.

Global Insight <http://www.globalinsight.com/>

Global Insight provides comprehensive economic, financial, and political coverage of countries, regions, and industries—covering over 200 countries and spanning more than 170 industries—using a combination of expertise, models, data, and software within a common analytical framework to support planning and decision making. Their offices are located in North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Jobs advertised on their website.

GENERAL Job Search Resources

An overview of the job market for **Economists in the USA**, produced by the US Department of Labor from 2006 data can be found at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos055.htm>. In addition to specific US data it contains more broadly applicable information on developing a career as an economist in the government, commercial and academic sectors.

A similar, but less detailed, overview for the **UK** is provided by the government agency Learn Direct at <http://www.learn-direct.co.uk/helpwithyourcareer/jobprofiles/profiles/profile612/>

Useful sources of information for students or graduates interested in working as an economist in a business environment are the US based, **National Association for Business Economics** <http://www.nabe.com/careers/> and the UK based, **Society of Business Economists** <http://www.sbe.co.uk/>

Royal Economic Society - <http://www.res.org.uk/>

RES is one of the oldest economic associations in the world. It has over 3,000 individual members, of whom 60% live outside the United Kingdom. It is a professional association which promotes the encouragement of the study of economic science in academic life, government service, banking, industry and public affairs.

It has a job vacancy section known as UK-Joe <http://newdomino.lbs.ac.uk/econ.nsf/UKJoe/Home>
JOE - Job Openings for Economists – (<http://www.aeaweb.org/joe/>) is published by the **American Economic Association (AEA)**. The AEA is open to economists of all nationalities – although US nationals predominate. JOE contains job postings, academic and non-academic, from around the world for economists although many are in the USA. The AEA also runs the world's largest job fair for economists as part of its annual conference which takes place in the first week of January. This is an opportunity to be interviewed not only for university teaching posts in North America and, increasingly, leading universities throughout the world, but also for economist positions in government, central banks and international organisations.

Economist jobs (research and lecturing) in academia are also posted on www.jobs.ac.uk and www.timeshighereducation.co.uk covering the UK and beyond.

ICEA (International Consulting Economists' Association) - <http://www.icea.co.uk/>
The ICEA was formed in 1986 by a group of independent consultants to meet the needs of consultant economists and associated disciplines. The ICEA is UK-based and meetings are held in Central London but overseas members can join at a reduced subscription rate and non-members are welcome at its meetings for a small fee. The main objectives of the ICEA are to: facilitate networking and the exchange of information on topics of interest; identify international professional & business opportunities for economic consultants; promote new methods of analysis & approaches to economic issues of concern; provide a social forum for its members.

Inomics - <http://www.inomics.com/cgi/job>

Inomics is an Internet service especially for economists. It provides access to job postings, conferences, an economic directory and a data base of research papers in economics. It has a European and US focus.

Economics Research Network - http://www.ssrn.com/update/ern/ernjob/ern_job.html

The Economics Research Network job site includes academic, research and financial services firms across the US and UK. It is part of the social sciences research network <http://www.ssrn.com/ern/index.html>.

Economist Jobs - <http://www.EconomistJobs.co.uk>

Economist Jobs is a weekly email bulletin dedicated solely to communicating employment opportunities to Economists. Experience usually required and most jobs are in the UK.

Development Studies Association – <http://www.devstud.org.uk/jobs.htm>

The Development Studies Association website includes academic and non-academic job postings, some with a development economics requirement

The **Eurobrussels** website (www.eurobrussels.com) includes jobs in EU institutions, NGOs, Think Tanks, consultancies, research-focused organisations and internships – not specifically for economists

Consulting Base - <http://www.consultingbase.com>

Consulting Base is a procurement exchange for independent consultants, consulting firms, NGOs and Donor Agencies working on aid-finance and development projects in emerging markets and developing countries. It includes a directory of consulting firms from around the world who specialise primarily in aid-funded development projects in emerging markets and developing countries and well as a vacancy section.

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