Managing or Principal Economist

Closing date for applications: 31 August 2022
Interviews: starting week of 12 September 2022
Location: Cambridge, UK (office-based with hybrid working arrangements)
Salary: Managing Economist from £50,650
Principal Economist from £62,680
Benefits: Hybrid and flexible working; individual training budget; group personal pension; and income protection and life assurance

Job description

Cambridge Econometrics (CE) is a leading independent economics consultancy, and listed by the Financial Times as a top Management Consultancy. Our analysis and insights are used by clients around the world to inform policy decisions about pressing challenges faced by society. The CE Group employs over 50 people at our companies in Cambridge (UK), Brussels, Budapest and Northampton (US). We provide economic and policy research in areas that we are interested in and that make a difference to people. Our clients include national and local governments, international organisations including the European Commission and European Parliament, as well as a range of non-governmental organisations and charities with policy concerns.

We are seeking a talented, collaborative and resourceful economist with significant consulting experience to help lead, develop and deliver work within our economy workstream; our sectors, trade and competitiveness; innovation; tax & finance offer.

Your responsibilities will include:

- winning and delivering consultancy projects and conducting economic and policy analysis in the areas of sectors, trade and competitiveness; innovation; tax & finance
- developing and maintaining a personal and organisational reputation for expertise and leadership in the market and the research community
- leading client meetings and stakeholder events, representing CE and its offer
- acting as a bridge between the application of our economic modelling and analysis and the clients who use it, presenting a narrative to interpret and explain the results
- outreach and engagement with (potential) clients and partners
- identifying and developing opportunities for business and drafting compelling, persuasive and relevant proposals
- interpreting the client’s needs and designing analysis to meet those needs
- drafting project reports and other deliverables for a variety of stakeholders to communicate clearly and immediately the key messages from the quantitative analysis
- being line manager to more junior economists and helping to shape their professional development
• monitoring social, economic and policy developments nationally and globally as the academic literature and research in this area
• working with the team leader to shape the strategic development of the workstream

Person specification
We are looking for people who have:
• a first degree in economics/econometrics/statistics (with a strong applied economics/econometrics content) at 2:1 or above; a master’s degree is preferable but not essential
• a successful track record delivering research and/or consultancy projects in topics relevant to our Economy workstream (at least 5 years for Managing Economist; at least 7 years for Principal Economist)
• a good understanding of underlying academic and policy debates relating to the economy workstream, and in particular that of measuring new activities and impacts ‘beyond GDP’
• the background and applied experience to communicate effectively and credibly with clients and technical project team members
• proven project and people management skills (3+ years)
• a keen interest in the policy areas that form Cambridge Econometrics’ core business, particularly in understanding sectoral trends and linkages; the patterns and features of international trade; sustainable development; digital transition; ‘beyond GDP’ agenda.
• a proactive, resourceful and creative approach to problem-solving and designing research to meet the client’s needs
• strong IT skills - an aptitude for using programming languages (to handle large datasets and for computation) would be advantageous
• familiarity with official economic datasets (such as national accounts and other official statistics) would be an advantage
• an interest in leveraging the potential of new and innovative datasets
• familiarity with national accounting concepts and techniques for estimating economic impact
• a capacity for both team-working and for working autonomously
• strong time-management skills
• excellent research skills and an eye for detail
• fluency in written and spoken English
• openness to travel

Candidates will be required to have the right to work in the UK by the start of their employment.
For more details see our website https://www.camecon.com/who/careers/.
To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to: https://hr.breathehr.com/v/managing-or-principal-economist-24760
Working at Cambridge Econometrics

Cambridge Econometrics is a leading provider of real-world, evidence-based economic analysis for policy assessment. As the trading arm of a charitable trust, we’re driven by a desire to make a difference, not just a profit. We do work that we are interested in and can feel proud of in partnership with our clients.

We look for people who can provide rigorous, quantitative analysis and deliver it to our clients with confidence and clarity. Our reputation is based on delivering penetrating insight, so we recruit and develop people with an ability to digest, interpret and summarize key messages.

Cambridge Econometrics is accredited as an Investors in People organisation at the Silver award level. In all parts of the organisation we like to stretch and challenge our staff, so they continue to learn, and develop their skills and experience. We offer a collaborative, supportive and inclusive environment, and a strong commitment to high-quality training and development from day one.

We offer a competitive benefit package, including flexible working arrangements

We are committed to promoting a diverse workforce and we welcome applications from under-represented communities and groups. A copy of our Equal Opportunities Policy is available on request.

Data protection: read our privacy policy to find out how we collect and process personal data relating to your application.