



With a network of over 450 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, representing 200,000 businesses of all sizes in all sectors of the economy and in all regions, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is the largest business association in Canada, and the country's most influential. Our mission is to foster a strong, competitive economic environment that benefits businesses, communities and families across Canada. Our purpose is to create the conditions for Canadian businesses to thrive. We do this through policy and advocacy, our chamber network, and our suite of essential business services.

Chief Economist

Summary

Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Economist will be a key member of the Chamber's Executive Leadership Team and a high profile representative of the Chamber providing economic thought leadership and driving our reputation as a must have partner and go-to for future-focused, real-time business data and economic insights for every size, sector and region of business. This leader will engage and collaborate with the Chamber's national network, business members, government, media, and wide range of stakeholders.

The Canadian Chamber is entering an exciting period of transformational change and expansion to leverage the full power of our national network to shape the future of Canadian business. This focus on the future takes us from being the voice of Canadian business to also becoming the undisputed champion for business success and growth for companies of all sizes and sectors across Canada. It means we will extend our policy and advocacy offerings while at the same time putting ourselves at the forefront with business data, insights and economic forecasting. The Chief Economist will have pivotal role in unifying all our business data and economic forecasting strategies to keep us in a leadership position.

Success will require a clear understanding of issues facing Canadian businesses and the Canadian economy. Superb communication skills, a proven track record as a spokesperson and expert source for media as well as a collaborative mindset are vital for this position. Bilingualism is strongly preferred.

Our Chief Economist will work in strong collaboration with the SVP Policy and Government Relations and the Chamber's policy team, which covers nearly every area of federal policy. The ideal candidate will be adaptable to changing circumstances and willing to undertake the full spectrum of activities including strategy design, execution, and backend support functions.

We want to recruit top talent who understand today's business realities and have an entrepreneurial mindset that can support our business building goals as well as emerging business needs and opportunities. A core goal is to increase our value to the Chamber network, business and association members, stakeholders, and to build new relevance to emerging and entrepreneurial sectors. As a result, this leader will have a strong working relationship with the member relations team and other colleagues across the Canadian Chamber on delivery of new integrated initiatives.

This role is based in Ottawa.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- Graduate level university degree and significant experience in economics, business economics, economic policy, data analysis, or a related field (10+ years).

- Experience analyzing economic indicators, trends, and policies to develop economic insights and thought leadership.
- Ability to explain complex economic ideas to senior business, government and external audiences and situate economic issues in a political, business, and technical context.
- Experience working with the media as a sought after expert, and with an ability to act as a spokesperson on economic issues.
- Familiarity with the important issues facing the Canadian business community and how they relate to the Canadian economy and government policy.
- Ability to both develop and execute projects working across internal stakeholder groups.
- Ability to build consensus on complicated issues and make difficult decisions, including independently when necessary.
- Ability to build positive working relationships with companies, associations, government and the public at a range of levels.
- No limitations under federal lobbying restrictions.
- Bilingualism, English and French, is strongly preferred.

Core Duties and Responsibilities

- Establish the Canadian Chamber as the go-to for future-focused, real-time business data and economic insights, for every size, sector and region of business, from local to global.
- Unify the Canadian Chamber's business data and economic forecasting strategies, from the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions to new data collection initiatives, across all three tiers of the Canadian Chamber Network.
- Thought leadership on Canadian economic policy, including economic analyses and forecasting, opinion editorials, appearances on media and social media platforms and presentations.
- Act as a spokesperson for the Chamber in media, at public events, in meetings with members and government, and at House of Commons and Senate committee hearings.
- Analyze economic indicators to identify emerging issues and trends affecting the Canadian economy and Canadian businesses and bring them to life as powerful insights.
- Collaborate with the policy team and communications team to find opportunities to advance member priorities using data insights.
- Collaborate with the member relations and services team to optimize membership models and monetize the Canadian Chamber's data products and economic insights.
- Provide content and policy support to the member relations and services team for membership growth and retention, events (such as the Canada 360 Economic Summit), and other activities as required.
- Work in collaboration with the SVP Policy and Government Relations and other policy team members. Support the policy team more broadly through the business planning process, and policy outputs by using internal and external data sources.
- Provide executive support as required for meetings with government officials or business representatives, such as speeches, briefing notes, etc.
- An ability to undertake travel and work outside of core business hours occasionally.

If you are looking to work in a dynamic team environment, where you can contribute to a people-focused culture, please submit your application to https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=38550265-fab9-47a2-9c60-c5418b50068c&cclid=19000101_000001&jobId=391514&lang=en_CA&source=CC4

Application deadline: August 1 2021

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing a barrier-free work environment in concert with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. As such, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce will make accommodations available to applicants with disabilities upon request during the recruitment process.

Our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative, at all job levels, of all segments of society. We are dedicated to encouraging a supportive and inclusive culture amongst the whole workforce, and we are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives and skills, where equal employment opportunities are available to all applicants and teammates. All aspects of employment including the decision to hire will be based on merit, competence, performance, and business needs.