

Economist Job Opportunity

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario – Toronto, ON

Are you looking to make important public policy contributions through economic analysis in a flexible and inclusive work environment? Consider joining Ontario's Financial Accountability Office.

Job summary

The Economist will be responsible for conducting economic research and data analysis on issues related to the province of Ontario, provide written reports, and support the organization.

Responsibilities

- **Team work.** Regular and ongoing collaboration with a team of economists, exchanging advice and supporting each other's projects.
- **Research.** Identify and investigate trends in the Ontario economy, demographic developments, and local or global issues that may affect Ontario's economic performance.
- **Analysis.** Evaluate Ontario's budgets, including revenues and fiscal sustainability measures. Produce economic and fiscal forecasts using internal models and statistical analysis.
- **Learning.** Contribute to the development of existing models and databases, find new sources of information, and develop new analytical tools.
- **Writing.** Produce clearly written public reports on the economy, Ontario's budget outlook and other current public policy issues.
- **Communication.** Participate in briefings to Members of Provincial Parliament and the media, and provide internal advice to other members of the FAO.

What you will need to succeed

To qualify you must have:

- A graduate degree (Master's or Doctorate) from a recognized university with a specialization in economics or an equivalent graduate-level designation.
- Strong knowledge of theories, concepts and research techniques of economics, socio-economics, demographics, geopolitical developments, taxation, and public finance.
- Experience in using public data sources to conduct economic/financial analysis.
- Strong interpersonal skills, with the ability to sense the needs of others and offer support.
- The ability to produce high-quality, concise, and clearly written material for non-technical audiences.
- Skilled at communicating and presenting complex issues to diverse groups.

Additional assets:

- 1 -2 years experience conducting research and analysis of economic or fiscal policy issues, undertaking economic or budget forecasting, or public policy analysis.

- Experience with statistical programs such as R, SPSS, EViews for econometric modelling, forecasting and database management.
- Strong motivation to take on a wide variety of tasks and a willingness to solve technical problems as they emerge.

Who we are

The Financial Accountability Office (FAO) of Ontario provides independent analysis on the Province's finances, trends in the economy and related matters important to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario through public reports (see www.fao-on.org for more information).

FAO reports are used by Members of Provincial Parliament in policy discussions, as well as by government officials and the public to inform decisions made about Ontario's future.

What we offer

- We offer competitive salaries and vacation allowances, comprehensive health benefits, and a defined benefit pension plan.
- As a junior member of the team you will work alongside a diverse group of experienced colleagues, make connections with external stakeholders, and benefit from mentorship training opportunities in an environment supportive of your career goals.
- The FAO encourages hybrid work arrangements. Employees can work from home and in the office at 2 Bloor West, which is centrally located in the Yorkville area of Toronto. The team also conducts in-person meetings at the office when required.
- All FAO reports include the authors names, are publicly released, and receive significant attention and media coverage. This provides public recognition of your contributions and builds your publication record.

How to apply

Please apply by sending your letter of interest and resume, quoting the file number below, by e-mail to HR@fao-on.org. Attachments must be in Word or PDF.

File No.: FAO-2023-03

Closing Date: May 15, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST

Salary Range: \$75,626 - \$111,441 per year

Job Term: 1 permanent

While we appreciate your interest in obtaining employment with the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

An Equal Opportunity Employer, we will accommodate your needs under the Ontario Human Rights Code.