

Title: Economist

WHO WE ARE

The BC Real Estate Association (BCREA) is the professional association for over 26,000 commercial and residential REALTORS® in BC. Our mission is to empower the province's eight real estate boards by sharing our expertise and providing professional development opportunities, advocacy, economic research, and standard forms so Realtors are trusted, respected, and proud of their profession.

BCREA supports Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at all levels of the organization. We encourage applications from candidates that reflect the diversity of our community, and we welcome applicants of all backgrounds, including visible and non-visible minorities and persons with disabilities.

This is an exciting time to join BCREA and be an integral part of a growing, dedicated, and impactful team!

ABOUT BCREA ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The BCREA Economics department provides forecasting and analysis of economic and housing trends as well as thought leadership to the Association, the 8 real estate boards and 26,000 REALTORS® across British Columbia.

JOB OVERVIEW:

The Economist plays a key role in data analysis, research and forecasting to support the Chief Economist and the Association. The Economist also contributes to the writing of publications, ad hoc reports and custom projects. In addition, the Economist delivers economic and housing market presentations to real estate boards and key stakeholders and communicates to media when necessary. In addition to maintaining the department's data systems, the Economist also provides expertise to other BCREA departments and the real estate boards.

Primary Job Responsibilities:

- Generate research ideas and conduct original data analysis for BCREA publications.
- Maintain and update BCREA economics products and databases.
- Assists with forecasting and other economic modelling projects.
- Develop new or improve existing models used by the Economics department.
- Provide inter-departmental technical support and analysis.
- Communicate housing and economic trends to BCREA members.
- Produce communications material for BCREA members.
- Present to external stakeholders or media.
- Assist with other BCREA Economics department projects and tasks as required.

WHAT YOU BRING

Education and Experience

- Master's degree in economics or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Strong knowledge of macroeconomics, financial markets, and the housing market.
- Previous experience analyzing tax policy is an asset.
- Previous experience with macroeconomic modelling and forecasting is preferred but not required.
- 3+ years of relevant work experience.

Competencies

- Strong knowledge of Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint.
- Familiarity with statistical or econometric methods and software. Experience using statistical tools such as EViews, R and Haver Analytics is an asset.
- Comfortable working with data and presenting research with compelling visuals.
- Strong analytical, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to manage time, set priorities and meet deadlines and perform effectively under pressure.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills with an emphasis on communicating to a non-technical audience.
- Ability to adjust quickly to changing priorities.
- Proven interpersonal and presentation skills.
- Knowledge of the real estate profession and organized real estate structure in BC is an asset.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Salary ranges from \$106,000 to \$125,000. The starting salary for this position would be determined with consideration of the successful candidate's relevant education, skill set and relevant experience.
- Group health and extended benefits package.
- Generous paid vacation allocation.
- Flexible work schedule, including the option to work from the office or remotely (occasional in-person meetings).

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your resume and cover letter to recruiting@bcrea.bc.ca with "Economist" subject line by April 30, 2024. If shortlisted, the applicant will be required to provide a sample of writing and make a presentation as part of the selection process.

The preferred start date for this position is before July 1, 2024.

If you require special accommodation at any stage in the selection process, please inform us by sending an e-mail to the following address recruiting@bcrea.bc.ca