

About us

Founded in Brussels in 1983, CEPS (Centre for European Policy Studies) is a leading think tank and forum for debate on EU affairs, which has been consistently ranked among the top 10 world's best think tanks. CEPS' distinguishing features include its strong in-house research capacity and an extensive international network of partner institutes. CEPS' funding comes from a variety of sources, mainly research grants, public procurement, but also from membership and conference fees.

CEPS is looking for an expert on trade economics and policy to work on complex research projects and provide independent advice on EU and global trade policy issues.

“Research Fellow: Trade Economics and Policy”

Main tasks

- You will become a member of CEPS' staff and work with our trade and policy evaluation experts
- You will conduct research and advisory activities in the field of trade economics and trade policy
- You will be part of international teams that carry out projects for EU institutions and other funding organisations
- You will participate in the acquisition of new research and advisory projects
- You will give presentations on the above-mentioned topics at project meetings and external events
- You will write commentaries and research papers
- You will participate in the writing of interim and final project reports

Your background and qualifications

- You hold a Ph.D. in economics or related subject (or equivalent professional experience)
- 5 years of professional or research experience (2 years, if you hold a Ph.D.) is a plus
- You have a good knowledge of trade economics and policy, including EU trade policy
- You are familiar with CGE models and have a publication record in this area
- Experience in working with models assessing environmental/climate change impacts of trade is a plus
- Experience with complex projects on EU trade policy issues, including ex-ante impact assessments, sustainability impact assessments and ex-post evaluations is a plus
- You have experience in writing funding proposals and in carrying out externally funded projects
- You have a proven record of writing and presentation skills and are able to critically read and comment on research reports and academic publications in the field
- You are able to organise, moderate and contribute to events
- You have an excellent command of English, both orally and in writing. Knowledge of other EU official languages is a plus

Your profile

- You are eager to invest in building and maintaining a growing research network
- You are able to work in a research and advisory team involving junior and senior colleagues and can organise your own activities
- You have a good understanding of the need to be outgoing and to use all possibilities of knowledge dissemination as a means of profiling your own work and that of the organisation
- You are able to handle stress, respect deadlines and are able to juggle multiple tasks and changing priorities
- You enjoy teamwork and are open to giving and receiving feedback
- You have, or are willing to develop insights into ongoing legislative and policy debates

What CEPS can offer

We offer a full-time employment contract for 1 year. The contract is renewable. The salary will be in accordance with your previous experience as well as the CEPS salary scale. We also offer a benefits package (group & hospitalisation insurance, meal tickets, public transport reimbursement, 20 days legal holiday entitlement per year plus additional days when CEPS is closed during the Christmas-New Year period). We would like the preferred candidate to start her/his activities in early 2020.

Career development prospects

This position will give you the opportunity to progress on your career path and gain the valuable skills, training and experience that would potentially allow you to take on the role of Head of Unit. CEPS offers a Learning and Development Programme for all staff to develop the necessary skills for their position.

More information

Further information about the position can be obtained from Felice Simonelli, Head of Policy Evaluation, felice.simonelli@ceps.eu.

Application and deadline

Applications should include a one-page letter of motivation, indicating your salary expectations and the place where you read our advert, and a curriculum vitae listing your publications and specifying your role in previous research projects, both in English. CVs must follow the Europass format (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>). They can be e-mailed to applications@ceps.eu by 8 November 2019 with "Research Fellow: Trade Economics and Policy" in the subject line.