UK ECONOMIC STATISTICS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ESCoE)

TOPIC LEADS

Closing date for applications – noon (BST) Tuesday 8th June 2021

The Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE) is a hub of world-leading expertise built around the analysis of emerging and future issues in measuring the economy. Established in 2017 with the support of the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS), ESCoE is the UK's first-ever dedicated academic research centre for economic measurement and one of just a handful around the world. Our main aim is to bring a research led approach to addressing challenges and opportunities in measuring the economy. We work with ONS and other stakeholders to deliver improved economic measurement to meet user needs, through research, education and convening of the wider economic measurement community.

We are seeking to appoint a group of Topic Leads to provide leadership in key areas of economic measurement research, overlapping with the development of international standards in economic statistics and ONS areas of focus and building on our research programme, including:

- New Sources of Data for Economic Measurement;
- Nowcasting;
- Welfare and Beyond GDP;
- Prices;
- Public Sector Measurement;
- Digitalisation;
- Globalisation;
- Natural Capital;
- Regional Statistics;
- Skills and Labour Markets;
- Communicating Statistics.

About the Roles

ESCoE Topic Leads contribute to our overall mission to develop the economic measurement research agenda and to support the development of economic statistics in the UK. Possible activities could include:

- Engage in horizon scanning;
- Propose and lead on new funding;
- Work with the ESCoE Communications Manager to support research dissemination;

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• Produce blogs;
• Develop links between academia, ONS and international statistical agencies to support the impact of research on statistics development;
• Collaborate on the organisation of workshops;
• Engage international visitors and seminar/webinar speakers;
• Plan special sessions for the ESCoE and other suitable conferences;
• Solicit contributions to the ESCoE publication series and support the editorial process.

About You

You will have the following skills:
• Acknowledged expertise in economics and use of economic statistics;
• An understanding of the role, use and value of economic statistics both within and outside government;
• A successful track record of leadership in economics in the public or private sectors, or in academia;
• An ability to earn the trust and respect of researchers and practitioners;
• Influencing and communication skills including an ability to develop and maintain relationships with groups with disparate views and agendas;
• Strong written and oral communication skills;
• A proactive approach;
• Understanding and commitment to the values of the ESCoE.

Terms and Conditions

A group of Topic Leads will be appointed to the ESCoE. Topic Leads might expect to commit around 12 days per annum. Any meetings will normally take place virtually or in London, but Topic Leads may need to travel to the ONS in Newport or Titchfield on occasion. Topic Leads will be paid at a rate of £500 per day. In addition, any necessary and reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be payable. The appointment will be made for a period of one year. The possibility of renewal may be available.

These roles are not limited to UK residents. We encourage applications from individuals with all levels of experience. Prior involvement with ESCoE is not required.

To Apply

To apply please send to info@escoe.ac.uk a CV (with the names and contact details of two referees) and supporting statement specifying your topics of interest and how you would expect to contribute to the ESCoE. Please include the subject line '[Your Name] ESCoE Topic Lead' in your email. If you do not wish us to approach your referees without your prior permission, please state this clearly. The closing date for applications is **noon (BST) Tuesday**

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8th June. If you would like to discuss the appointment further, please contact Rebecca Riley by e-mail rebecca.riley@kcl.ac.uk.

All applications will be acknowledged shortly after receipt. It is not expected that there will be formal interviews, though it is possible that shortlisted candidates may be contacted for a discussion. The panel will meet to review applications June 2021. The panel will consist of Diane Coyle (Bennett Professor of Public Policy, University of Cambridge), Grant Fitzner (Chief Economist and Director, Macroeconomic Statistics and Analysis, Office for National Statistics), Rebecca Riley (Director, ESCoE) and Martin Weale (Professor of Economics, King's Business School, King's College London).