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| EU ECONOMIST |
| Economists at NEF require excellent knowledge in at least one key economic policy area in the EU, such as monetary or fiscal policy. They use their strong economic and quantitative research skills and the ability to work effectively as a team to develop high quality research and economic analysis for the organisation and take responsibility for discrete elements of work within projects. This role specifically will have a strong advocacy element, which will require you to think creatively how to influence decision makers views on EU economic policy including through disseminating research and policy recommendations, building relationships in politics and amongst civil servants and organising workshops and events. A further key part of the role is to link research to key contemporary debates and communicate complicated ideas clearly to a variety of audiences, internally and externally. |
| JOB DESCRIPTION |
| **Research & policy development**   * Proactively help develop and deliver research projects with a particular focus on designing quantitative methodologies, interpreting data and/or applying economic theories and developing creative policy recommendations. * Act as a point person for economic analysis and interpretation across the organisation, both to support colleagues in the development of research methodologies and conducting own analysis. * Produce topical, impactful economic analysis and policy recommendations, drawing on networks of stakeholders – including politicians and their advisers; academics; and civil servants – to disseminate findings.   **Advocacy, coalitions & external relationships**   * Together with colleagues, plan and deliver on advocacy strategy– to engage decision-makers directly, and win, on target issues. * Participate and contribute to working in coalition, including with civil society organisations, think tanks, trade unions and progressive businesses. * Find opportunities to blog and issue comment on economic developments, conducting ad hoc data analysis to highlight interesting economic phenomena. * Represent NEF to a wide range of audiences, including via public speaking and media appearances.   **Administrative & organisational work**   * Providing high-level project and administrative support to senior research staff including using Monday.com for project management. * Provide leadership on project components and ensure they are delivered on time and within budget * Undertaking research administration (e.g. coordinating meetings/surveys/focus groups/travel), administrative support for funding bids/proposals, and budget and financial management (e.g. setting up and maintaining appropriate electronic/hard copy records). * Organising events in line with project work.   **Fundraising**   * Support senior staff to develop high-quality project proposals, as well as suggest potential proposals, that offer insightful, timely and unique research, including an accurate costing and bearing in mind likely funding sources. * Help senior staff to ensure those proposals attract funding, by developing links and building relationships with previous and potential funders and ‘selling’ the project idea. |
| PERSON SPECIFICATION |
| **Essential aspects are shown in bold**. Aspects not in bold are desirable but not essential.  **EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS**   * **A degree or equivalent level qualification in economics, or in a subject with knowledge and skills applicable and transferable to economics, or equivalent training and work experience, for example 6 months in a relevant professional role.**   **KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE**   * **Excellent knowledge of one or more areas of macroeconomic, fiscal policy or industrial policy.** * **Proven quantitative research skills, including use of econometrics software and familiarity with large social science/economic datasets.** * **Good understanding of European policy making process – and the different important institutions (such as the European Commission, European Council and European Parliament).** * Experience at designing and managing successful economic research projects. * Experience of fundraising for research projects. * Experience of developing an advocacy strategy and participating in advocacy meetings a plus.   **SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES**   * **Excellent verbal communication skills and the ability to present confidently to diverse audiences.** * **Excellent written communication skills and the ability to write cogently for a wide variety of audiences and in a wide variety of formats.** * **Excellent and demonstrable organisational and administrative skills, such as those required to support in logistical tasks and the organisation of events.** * **Excellent English language skills.** Additional languages an advantage. * Knowledge of at least one other area of research that NEF specialises in, such as monetary policy, tax policy, housing, energy policy or environmental policy. * Experience of dealing with the media.   **MOTIVATION**   * **Commitment to building the new, environmentally sustainable economy with redistribution of power and resources at its core.** |