

BiGGAR Economics

BiGGAR Economics is a leading independent economic consultancy based just outside Edinburgh providing a range of services across Europe for:

- central and local government
- economic development agencies
- other government agencies
- universities and colleges
- social economy organisations
- private sector firms

Aims

The aim of BiGGAR Economics is to deliver meaningful impact. This includes ensuring that the best quality economic evidence possible is available to decision-makers.

The sectors in which we specialise and the services we deliver have been developed as a result of our consultants pursuing specific professional interests and building on their previous experience.

Scottish Business Pledge

BiGGAR Economics signed up to the Scottish Business Pledge in December 2018 in recognition of the importance of fair work and responsible business practices.



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Nature of Work

- Economic appraisals: proposed public sector policies or programmes
- Economic impact assessments: sectors, proposed investments, organisations
- Evaluation and monitoring: proposed public sector policies or programmes
- Economic research and benchmarking: local or regional economic analysis
- Strategy development: national or regional economic development strategies
- Feasibility studies and business planning: public and private sectors
- Expert witness at public inquiries and parliamentary committees



Covid-19

Our office is based at Pentlands Science Park in Midlothian. However, as a result of the Covid restrictions, we have been working from home since March 2020 and expect to be for the foreseeable future

Examples of projects

Iceland Wind Energy

Study of the potential socio-economic benefits to Iceland of developing an onshore wind energy sector and a review of international evidence on implications for the tourism, on behalf of Landsvirkjun.

League of European Research Universities

The Research Universities sector makes a significant contribution to the economy

It was estimated that the wider Research Universities sector generated **€400 billion GVA** in 2016 and supported **5.1 million jobs** in Europe

LERU

Economic impact of the 23 research intensive universities throughout Europe, commissioned to achieve recognition of the crucial role that universities play in driving innovation and therefore economic growth.

Sustainable Growth Commission

Logistical and economic research support to the Sustainable Growth Commission, established by the First Minister of Scotland to advise on improving Scotland's economic performance, based on the themes of population, participation and productivity, learning from successful small advanced economies.

The Sustainable Growth Commission

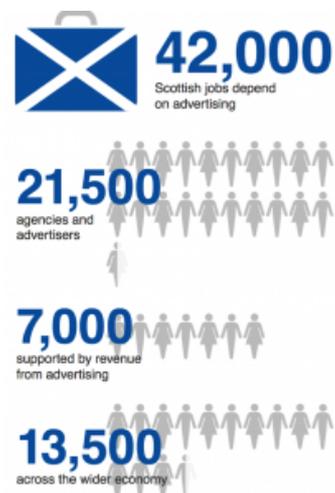
Scotland – the new case for optimism
A strategy for inter-generational economic renaissance

The report of the Sustainable Growth Commission

May 2018

Advertising Pays

Study for the Advertising Association on the role advertising played in the Scottish economy: for every £1 spent on advertising, £5 is returned to GDP, an £8.8 billion contribution and 42,000 jobs in Scotland are supported by advertising.



Air Departure Tax

Commissioned by Edinburgh Airport to assess the economic and fiscal impacts of a number of scenarios for the structure of Air Departure Tax (ADP), in the context of proposals by the Scottish Government to cut the tax by 50%, when compared to Air Passenger Duty, the tax that ADP replaced when devolved to Scotland.



Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Act 2017

More of our latest projects can be seen at www.biggareconomics.co.uk/latest

Job Profile: Research Economist

The Role

BiGGAR Economics is recruiting a Research Economist.

As a Research Economist you will contribute to a variety of projects and provide the vital analysis that will form the basis of the studies that we undertake.

To contribute to research projects in a variety of areas including:

- carrying out primary and secondary research from a wide range of sources;
- conducting consultations and interviews;
- data-processing and analysis - both qualitative and quantitative;
- drafting of reports; and
- providing support and assistance to different project teams.

The role offers an opportunity for growth and development, and the post holder will gain more responsibilities and tasks as they become more experienced. These responsibilities may include:

- presenting the outputs and key messages of studies to clients and stakeholders;
- contributing to proposals and bids for competitive tenders;
- liaising with clients during project development to gain an understanding of the objectives of the projects;
- drafting support documentation, such as methodology guides and appendices to accompany studies;
- representing BiGGAR Economics at industry meetings and events; and
- other responsibilities to promote and maintain the reputation of BiGGAR Economics.

The Candidate

This is a graduate level position that does not require any previous experience. The ideal candidate will have the following attributes and skills:

Essential

- a degree in Economics;
- an interest in economic development issues;
- an ability to manage own workload and prioritise effectively;
- an ability to work as part of a close team;
- IT skills, in particular a thorough knowledge of Excel and Word.

Desirable

- an understanding of the political and policy environment across Scotland, the UK and Europe;
- proficiency in a European language;
- experience in undertaking research projects, either in industry or as part of academic study

BiGGAR Economics is an equal opportunities employer.

The Offering

BiGGAR Economics offers a competitive annual starting salary of £21,000, plus a 6% pension contribution.

In addition, BiGGAR Economics is in the process of introducing a Share Options Scheme, which would apply as your career develops.

This is a full-time position and includes 35 days annual public holiday and Annual Leave.

To apply

To apply for this position please email Graeme Blackett by **6th November 2020** on recruit@biggareconomics.co.uk with your CV and a covering letter stating why you would like to come and work with us at BiGGAR Economics.

If you have any queries regarding this position, please get in touch, through either the email address above.

For more information see www.biggareconomics.co.uk