Internship opportunity

Intern – Research assistant

The OECD is a global economic forum working with 35 member countries and more than 100 emerging and developing economies to make better policies for better lives. Our mission is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. The Organisation provides a unique forum in which governments work together to share experiences on what drives economic, social and environmental change, seeking solutions to common problems.

The Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC/OECD) is an international platform that brings together West African organisations, countries and international organisations. Its mission is to help build more effective regional policies to improve peoples’ living conditions in the interdependent area composed of the 17 countries of the Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) and the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS). Based on dialogue and innovation, SWAC/OECD facilitates co-ordination, conducts independent and forward-looking analysis, and devises guidelines and policy tools for Members and other stakeholders.

The SWAC/OECD Secretariat is recruiting an intern to support its work streams on (i) food systems transformations and (ii) job creation for women and youth. The selected candidate will work in collaboration with colleagues in the Food Systems and Urbanisation Unit.

Main Responsibilities: research, data analysis and drafting

- Carry out empirical/statistical analysis on food security and food consumption patterns in West Africa using multiple household survey datasets
- Conduct quantitative analysis on employment dynamics in the food sector across West Africa, relying on both household survey results and macroeconomic data, including Social Accounting Matrices
- Contribute to policy research on food systems transformations and job creation for women and youth
- Contribute to the production of documents, working papers and publications resulting from the aforementioned activities
- Support the broader activities of the SWAC through analytical, written and verbal contributions.

Ideal Candidate Profile

- Master student or above (internship agreement with educational institution required), in economics, statistics or other relevant discipline. Good knowledge of statistical methods and a background in micro- and macroeconomics are required.
- Languages: Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English. Knowledge of French would be an asset.
- Computer skills: working knowledge of Stata, R or another statistical software package is required. Experience working with household survey datasets would be a key asset.
- Good organisational skills, ability to work effectively on the basis of general instructions with the capacity to prioritise tasks, often according to tight deadlines;
- Proven ability to work in a multicultural and team oriented environment;

Duration and work location

- 5 months (April-August 2020), earlier start possible;
- Work location: OECD Boulogne;
- The selected candidate will be provided with a monthly indemnity.

Application package (ideally a cover letter + one to two page CV + relevant samples of work if any) should be sent by email to leopold.ghins@oecd.org. The application deadline is 21 February 2020, please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for in-person or telephone interview.