



EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

EUROSYSTEM

Traineeships (bachelor's/master's and PhD) in EU Institutions and Fora Division

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Type of contract	Traineeship
Who can apply	EU nationals eligible for our traineeship programme (https://www.ecb.europa.eu/careers/what-we-offer/traineeship/html/index.en.html)
Salary	The trainee grant is €1,070 per month plus an accommodation allowance.
Working time	Full-time
Place of work	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Closing date for applications	07 July 2020

Your team

You will be part of the EU Institutions and Fora Division in the Directorate General International and European Relations. Our Directorate General has 120 staff preparing policy positions of the ECB/Eurosystem/European System of Central Banks on European and global issues, excluding positions on the macroeconomic policies of euro area or EU countries.

In your role as a trainee, you will join a team of about 20 members of staff responsible for maintaining working relations with, and monitoring the activities of, EU Institutions such as the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN), as well as associated fora including the Eurogroup, the Economic and Financial Committee, the Economic Policy Committee and the Macroeconomic Dialogue. We prepare briefings on topical policy issues and conduct analytical work, e.g. on an economic response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, deepening Economic and Monetary Union, issues related to Brexit and how the ECB can improve in terms of its accountability obligations towards the European Parliament. In addition, the Division coordinates activities related to the accountability of ECB banking supervision to the European Parliament and the ECOFIN Council. We also coordinate the ECB's preparations for meetings of the Eurogroup and the ECOFIN Council as well as their preparatory bodies.

The ECB is an inclusive employer and we strive to reflect the diversity of the population we serve. We encourage you to apply, irrespective of your gender, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or other characteristics.

Your role

As a trainee, you will:

- monitor and analyse issues relating to EU integration and governance, the accountability of the ECB, and the EU's internal and external policies from a central banking and/or banking supervision perspective;

- prepare notes on issues falling within the Division's remit in order to brief senior ECB staff and decision-making bodies and/or prepare related publications;
- monitor and analyse the activities of EU Institutions such as the Council of the European Union, the European Commission and the European Parliament;
- contribute to the Division's research agenda;
- give presentations at internal seminars organised by the Division.

This position represents an excellent opportunity to work in a team of highly qualified experts in the fields of political economy, international macroeconomics and finance under the guidance of an experienced mentor. You will be part of a multicultural team that strives for continuous innovation to make a positive impact on the lives of European citizens.

Qualifications, experience and skills

Essential:

- for bachelor's/master's-level traineeships, a bachelor's degree or equivalent in economics, political science, European studies, finance, law or another relevant field, ideally with an emphasis on political economy or institutional economics (for details on degree equivalences, see <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/careers/before-you-apply/html/index.en.html>);
- for PhD-level traineeships, a master's degree or equivalent in economics, political science, European studies, finance, law or another relevant field and at least two years of PhD studies in one of these subject areas, ideally with a focus on political economy or institutional economics (for details on degree equivalences, see <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/careers/before-you-apply/html/index.en.html>);
- a sound understanding of the functioning of EU institutions and fora with a good knowledge of the EU's institutional set-up and policy affairs;
- a sound understanding of economics and central banking with a good knowledge of the foundations and functioning of Economic and Monetary Union;
- a sound understanding of state-of-the-art analytical tools and techniques, in line with current academic standards;
- an advanced (C1) command of English and an intermediate (B1) command of at least one other official language of the EU, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-common-reference-levels-global-scale>.

Desired:

- for bachelor's/master's-level traineeships, a master's degree in economics, political science, European studies, finance, law or another relevant field, with an emphasis on political economy

or institutional economics;

- knowledge of statistical/econometric software packages such as EViews, R, Stata or MATLAB;
- a publication record related to issues falling within the Division's remit.

You are curious and eager to learn, and want to further develop your ability to analyse complex information. You are keen to collaborate with others, pursue team goals and learn from other people's diverse perspectives. You strive to know and anticipate stakeholder needs, and will signal any need for change and propose alternative solutions.

Further Information

The bachelor's/master's-level traineeship grant is €1,070 per month, plus an accommodation allowance.

The PhD-level traineeship grant is €1,940 per month, plus an accommodation allowance.

The starting date will be during the second half of 2020.

The recruitment process for this position may include a pre-recorded video interview in the pre-selection phase and – if you are invited to participate in the subsequent selection phase – a telephone and/or an online interview.

Application and selection process

For further information on how to join us,

<http://www.ecb.europa.eu/careers/before-you-apply/html/index.en.html>.