Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Economics

The Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Economics expects to have job openings for Ph.D. economists in 2016. We are looking for talented economists specializing in any field of applied microeconomics or econometrics to join our staff of approximately 80 Ph.D. economists. We will interview candidates at the American Economic Association meetings in San Francisco in January 2016 and at our offices in Washington, D.C. during the recruiting season.

The Bureau of Economics offers an outstanding environment for microeconomists to grow professionally. Staff economists at the FTC contribute to the agency’s dual mission to protect consumers and promote competition. As part of the FTC’s competition enforcement mission, FTC economists provide state-of-the-art theoretical and empirical analyses of the competitive consequences of proposed mergers and other forms of business conduct. FTC economists also assist the Commission in enforcing the country’s consumer protection laws by analyzing consumer decision-making and firm incentives. The Bureau of Economics encourages staff to produce high-quality research, as is evident by staff articles published in general interest journals such as the American Economic Review and the Review of Economics and Statistics, as well as top field journals such as the RAND Journal of Economics and the Journal of Industrial Economics. The Bureau of Economics also hosts a weekly seminar series, a working paper series, and the annual FTC Microeconomics Conference, all of which contribute to the research environment for FTC economists.

The importance and variety of economic issues, as well as the opportunity for a substantial direct impact on policy development and enforcement, make the Bureau of Economics a unique and exciting place for an economist to work and learn. More information about the Bureau is available at http://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/bureaus-offices/bureau-economics/careers-bureau-economics.

Permanent positions at the FTC can only be filled by United States citizens. We also can arrange to open a visiting appointment for economists whose research complements our missions. Such a visit can provide an ideal opportunity to develop new research projects and to gain deeper knowledge of particular industries. A visiting position can be filled by some non-US citizens. A visiting position may be attractive in particular for economists who are seeking a permanent position at the Commission and are currently on a path to US citizenship.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for passing it along to any economist for whom the FTC might be a good match. For questions, feel free to contact our recruiting coordinator, Brett Wendling, at bwendling@ftc.gov.