Assistant Economist roles in the Cabinet Office

The Cabinet Office is a ministerial department at the centre of Government, coordinating policy and strategy across the Civil Service. We support the Prime Minister and ensure the effective running of government.

We have responsibility for:

- supporting collective government, helping to ensure the effective development, coordination and implementation of policy
- supporting the National Security Council and the Joint Intelligence Organisation, coordinating the government’s response to crises and managing the UK’s cyber security
- promoting efficiency and reform across government through innovation, better procurement and project management, and by transforming the delivery of services
- promoting the release of government data, and making the way government works more transparent
- creating an exceptional Civil Service, improving its capability and effectiveness
- political and constitutional reform

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Impactful analysis in an innovative policy environment

In delivering these objectives, the department drives innovative approaches to policy across Government. Examples include the Government Digital Service leading the digital transformation of Government; The Geospatial Commission setting the UK’s geospatial strategy and promoting the best use of geospatial data; and Constitution Group moving the UK to an online system of individual voter registration. Economists support all of these dynamic areas and more by assessing the impacts they’re having and helping to shape the policy choices made.

Economists also work closely with the Cabinet Secretary, and collaboratively across and beyond government, to identify long-term policy challenges and then to help departments to design innovative policy, governance and technological responses. A key part of our role is to bring innovative techniques and emerging trends to the heart of Government decision-making.

What to expect as an Assistant Economist in the Cabinet Office

As an assistant economist, you will develop your technical and broader competency skills in order to deliver high quality policy analysis. You will be conducting analysis at the Centre of Government and using that to help shape and drive forward the priorities of the Cabinet Office. Specifically:

- Assistant economists will learn to apply economic concepts and tools/methodologies to a range of practical, real world problems
- Different roles provide opportunities for the development of new skills: you may be involved in economic appraisal for investments, preparing impact assessments (for policy/legislative changes), help prepare briefing notes and submissions to ministers, or work on a range of policy projects
- Assistant Economists build skills in effectively communicating analysis to a range of customers/stakeholders, including non-analysts. This involves conveying technical concepts into ‘layman’ terms

Further Information

The starting salary of an Assistant Economist in the Cabinet office is £28,000. For further information about working as an economist in the Cabinet Office, please contact Catherine Young, Assistant Economist Grade manager: catherine.young2@cabinetoffice.gov.uk