

Department for International Trade

Following the European Union (EU) Referendum, the Prime Minister has established the new Department for International Trade (DIT). The Department has overall responsibility for developing, coordinating and delivering a new trade and investment policy for the UK, including preparing for and then negotiating Free Trade Agreements and market access deals with non-EU countries, and working side by side with the new Department for Exiting the EU, which will negotiate the UK's new relationship with the EU in tandem.

The Department for International Trade has three Groups:

- The Trade Policy Group promotes open and fair international markets for the UK.
- The International Trade and Investment Group (formerly UKTI) drives growth in the value of UK exports and attracts the highest value Foreign Direct investment into the UK.
- UK Export Finance (UKEF) - the UK's Export Credit Agency - provides assistance and support to exporters and investors where the private sector can't.

Analysts support policy and operational work in each of these groups. The vacancies are predominantly in the Analysts Directorate in the Trade Policy Group, but other roles will be available also in International Trade and Investment Group

Economists work closely with policy colleagues, providing economic analysis and advice to inform the development of trade policy. Exact areas covered will vary depending on the role in the team and needs but the key broad areas include the UK's interests in negotiations at the World Trade Organisation and in plurilateral trade negotiations; the UK's interest in support of our future bilateral Free Trade Agreements; support for the technical policy work, on key subjects such as trade in services, investment and the impact of regulations on trade; and analysis in support of decisions on trade defence actions. Roles in International Trade and Investment Group will include work to measure the impact of our trade promotion activity, supporting the development of export services to UK business and the development of our FDI strategy.

Assistant Economists will be encouraged to lead on some policy areas and contribute on others. Tasks can include reviewing literature, preparing and interpreting data, commissioning and managing external research, briefing, preparing impact assessments, case work (eg trade defence cases). For a few posts there may be some modelling. In addition Assistants will be expected to contribute to the corporate activities of the Analysts Directorate and wider analyst community in DIT. Main stakeholders are policy colleagues, including senior civil servants, and specialists across DIT and Whitehall. You can expect some contacts with academics, trade economists and UK representatives in institutions such as the Commission, WTO and OECD and with companies and trade associations. There may be occasional contact with Ministers.

Over the next year important tasks for TPG will include:

- Analysing ongoing EU trade policy and its impacts – both negotiations and operations (eg trade remedies)
- Analysing future independent UK trade policy and its potential impacts – both negotiations and operations

Analysing trends in global and UK trade and investment