

APPLY NOW FOR A RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

in the Science and Technology Policy (STP) Division
at the OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)

We regularly host motivated postgraduate students (Master's or PhD) with strong analytical backgrounds for research-oriented internships. If you are looking to build and apply your skills in policy analysis and have an interest in understanding how governments support research and innovation, the STP Division might be the right place for you.

The Division is currently undertaking a project to develop an [Agenda for Transformative STI Policies](#) (the TA project), which aims to develop guidance for OECD countries and beyond on how to develop and implement transformative STI policies to achieve complex, interconnected and global-scale goals. These goals include advancing sustainability transitions, promoting inclusive socioeconomic renewal, and fostering resilience and security against systemic threats like the COVID-19 pandemic, rising geopolitical tensions, and disruptive technological advancements.

The project offers a great opportunity to work on a flagship project that will shape the work of the OECD and member countries in pursuing green transitions and other complex international goals. It covers a broad range of STI policy sub-domains, including public funding and private finance, market and structural conditions, STI-society engagement, and international co-operation, among others. A complete list of topics can be found via the link above. You will join a team of policy analysts, communication officers and statisticians working within the OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation. Our main goal is to help OECD member countries and other key economies build an environment conducive to translating science, technology and knowledge into innovation in order to create economic and social value added.

Who can apply?

Internships are primarily allocated to [OECD member country](#) nationals and are open for students who:

- Are enrolled in a full-time graduate degree programme (Master's or PhD) for the duration of the internship in sustainability transitions, STI policy analysis or related fields (e.g., political science; science, technology and society).
- Are available for a minimum period of three months (a four- to six-month duration of in-person work at the Paris OECD headquarters is preferred. Remote work arrangements may also be accepted);
- Have an excellent command of English and good drafting and communication skills;
- Possess solid research, (qualitative and quantitative) analytical and critical thinking skills;
- Enjoy working in a multicultural and international team environment.

What do interns do?

Interns work closely with a team of experienced policy analysts, who are committed to ensuring the internship is a highly formative experience. Interns are expected to support the development of guidance under the TA project, i.e. work on emerging topics (e.g., technology and institution phaseout, experimentation, mission-oriented innovation policies) within different STI policy areas. Examples of recent and ongoing work entrusted to interns include:

- Contributing to the development of documents and working papers in specific STI sub-domains (e.g., enabling technologies, skills and capabilities).
- Supporting the development of new tools and resources for countries to translate high-level recommendations into country-specific policy actions
- Developing analytical frameworks and working with country representatives to map and compare policy mixes.
- Participating in Division meetings and seminars as well as meetings of the TA Project advisory board.

Contract duration, workplace and contribution to living expenses

Internship duration is typically four-six months (renewable up to twelve months) on a full-time basis (40 hours/week). Your primary work location will be at our Paris headquarters, with opportunities for remote work available. The OECD provides no salary for interns, but you will receive a contribution to living expenses of around EUR 1 000 per full month worked.

How can I apply?

- Please send an email indicating the period in which you could be available, attaching a CV and an example of recent academic work in English, preferably not co-authored (e.g. a term or conference paper), to carolina.resendehaddad@oecd.org or jessica.ambler@oecd.org. Applications for internships occurring in the 2024/25 winter to summer period will be accepted until **30 August 2024**.
- Shortlisted candidates will be asked to apply through the [OECD SmartRecruiters platform](#).