



# Careers

Institute for Fiscal Studies

“Their independence is beyond doubt as all the main political parties recognise their expertise.”

Evan Davis, BBC



## Why choose IFS?

Our goal at the Institute for Fiscal Studies is to promote effective economic and social policies by better understanding how policies affect individuals, families, businesses and the government's finances.

The academic quality of our cutting-edge research compares with that of the top universities.

We are respected and listened to by politicians and policymakers in the UK and overseas, journalists, business people, trade unions and campaigning groups.

As a small organisation, we don't have unnecessary hierarchy or bureaucracy, and we work together at all levels and across research teams.

We aim to foster a respectful and inclusive environment, in which people from all backgrounds feel welcome and valued.



# Deadlines and how to apply

## Research Economists

Application is by online form: see our website at [www.ifs.org.uk/jobs](http://www.ifs.org.uk/jobs)

**Application deadline:**

22:59 Sunday 26 October 2025

**Interview dates:**

first round – 19, 20, 21 November

Second round - 3, 4, 5 December

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## Postdoctoral Fellowships

Application is via EconJobMarket: see our website at [www.ifs.org.uk/jobs](http://www.ifs.org.uk/jobs)

**Application deadline:** 15 November

**Interview dates:** 15 to 18 December.

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## Summer Students

Application is by online form: see our website at [www.ifs.org.uk/jobs](http://www.ifs.org.uk/jobs)

**Application deadline:** 16 January 2026

**Interview dates:** w/c 2 February

For more details about salaries and other benefits, or if you have other questions about working at IFS, contact Delina Petiros at [jobs@ifs.org.uk](mailto:jobs@ifs.org.uk).

For more information, visit our website [www.ifs.org.uk/jobs](http://www.ifs.org.uk/jobs)

# Research Economists

We recruit top-quality economists. We specialise in the economic analysis of public policy, bridging the gap between purely academic research and issues of practical policy design or evaluation. As a new recruit, you will carry out in-depth economic research and communicate your findings to politicians, journalists, academics and others such as campaigning groups and professional organisations.

# Post-doctoral Fellows

Postdoctoral Fellows will work within a team of researchers at IFS whose direction of research fits with the researcher's expertise and interests.

# Summer students

IFS offers several placements each summer to economics students who are interested in how microeconomics can be applied to public policy issues and who are considering a career in economic research.

**We strive to foster a respectful and inclusive environment, in which people from all backgrounds feel welcome. Our approach to flexible working has helped to ensure that we employ a balance of men and women at all levels of seniority. Staff of many nationalities work together at the IFS, along with a range of visiting academics from the UK and other countries. Our selection decisions are made on the basis of potential to carry out and communicate excellent research, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, religion or social class.**