

Vacancy Description: Research Assistant

The Legatum Institute is creating a world-class Centre for Metrics – providing clear, accurate metrics that enable leaders to make clear, accurate public policy decisions. The Legatum Prosperity Index™ is a well-established benchmark, providing world-leading analysis of how prosperity (a combination of economic and social wellbeing) is forming and changing around the world.

The Prosperity Index also provides a base for our more in-depth work looking at regions around the world, including The United Kingdom, Central and Eastern Europe as well as the United States.

In order to strengthen the data-centric and socio-economic research capabilities of the Centre for Metrics, the Legatum Institute is seeking to appoint an economist. The post-holder will be responsible for setting our new prosperity measurement data-assets into a wider framework to inform our understanding of prosperity. This insight will in turn be used to inform policy makers, academics and thought-leaders.

Person specification

We're looking for a curious and self-motivated economist, who's excited by the prospect of helping us tackle major social challenges by unearthing key insights from data.

Key accountabilities

- Undertake econometric analysis to derive new information, applying decision logic and statistical techniques as appropriate and to augment findings with insight sourced from policy journals, academic papers, (etc.)
- Work with the Centre for Metrics' data specialists to integrate new data sources into our information fact-base that will inform the analyses
- Identify and understand the research questions of the Centre for Metrics'
- Formulate hypotheses for how these questions can be addressed, including the component topics and the possible data-assets to explore
- Derive meaningful insight via. data-driven research of our available Centre for Metrics prosperity data-assets, reports and information fact bases
- Assemble conclusions alongside the Legatum Institute's policy specialists, including via. presentation and written communication

Skills

- A degree in a field involving either economics, economic history or quantitative analysis is desirable
- Strong capabilities in data-driven research, including problem structuring, hypothesis formulation, statistical analysis and visualisation
- 1-3 years experience as a consultant, economic analyst, or policy analyst in a similar role is desirable
- A curiosity towards economic problems, and how we can use data to understand and inform
- Good written and verbal communications and an ability to present problem statements, concepts and conclusions well to a variety of internal and external stakeholders through reports, presentations and other written product
- Self-motivation and initiative, with a capacity to achieve high quality outcomes at a significant pace
- Tenacious and resilient; able to propel activity forward and share in collective success and good judgment about when to use initiative and when to consult
- Knowledge of typical data analysis tools, e.g., Excel, Stata, SPSS, R and SQL and Microsoft Office