

Fiscal Specialist (International Position) at AMRO (ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office)

The Fiscal Specialist will report to the designated Group Head of the Surveillance Group. The candidate should have strong expertise in fiscal policy issues and related research, macroeconomic surveillance, and excellent communication and coordination skills. The successful candidate will report to the Group Head of Fiscal Surveillance.

Main responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Assisting his/her Group Head in the planning and implementation of the group's work plan in support of AMRO's overall goals, ensuring efficiency, relevance, and impact of AMRO's surveillance work;
- Being responsible for conducting surveillance of assigned member economies/region including:
 - Monitoring and analyzing key fiscal issues,
 - Identifying risks and vulnerabilities of those economies, and formulating policies to address them,
 - Supporting country/regional surveillance teams on fiscal issues,
 - Conducting research on key fiscal issues to support country/regional surveillance.
- Providing regular updates to his/her Group Head on emerging events and relevant issues; drafting briefing notes for management and for Annual Consultation and interim visits on key fiscal issues; participating in Annual Consultations and contributing to country consultation reports; contributing to flagship reports and other reports as assigned by his/her Group Head;
- Developing work program and conducting research under the guidance of his/her Group Head;
- Collecting and managing relevant data from the ASEAN+3 authorities, IFIs, private sectors, and other data sources;
- Supervising and guiding research analysts and associates;
- Maintaining good relations with the authorities and liaising with authorities on relevant surveillance matters between AMRO and its member economies;
- Assisting Group Heads in dealing with various related issues of strategic importance;

- Conducting other ad-hoc tasks as assigned by his/her Group Head or Senior Management.

The candidate should possess:

- A Ph.D. or Master's degree in public finance, economics, international finance, or related fields from a reputable university;
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience and knowledge in public finance and/or related fields;
- Strong analytical ability and capacity to conduct rigorous research;
- High level of familiarity with fiscal policy issues of the ASEAN+3 economies or global advanced economies; experience in fiscal policy research and/or fiscal policy consultation would be a significant advantage
- Proficiency in software applications such as Microsoft Office and high proficiency in using packages such as Stata, EViews, MATLAB; high proficiency in programming in languages such as R and Python would be an advantage;
- High level of familiarity with fiscal data; some familiarity with key third-party economics and finance databases, such as Bloomberg, CEIC, Haver Analytics, Refinitiv (Datastream), would be an advantage;
- Strong motivation and initiative, and be results-oriented and accountable for the accuracy of both data and information;
- Strong teamwork and communication skills to interact effectively with staff and officials of diverse cultural backgrounds at all levels;
- High proficiency in written and spoken English.

Closing date: December 31, 2020

Qualified candidates should send (a) CV, (b) a brief description of the relevant working experiences, (c) earliest possible starting date of employment at AMRO, and (d) a list of referees to AMRO.recruitment@amro-asia.org

We will acknowledge receipt of all the applications. However, we regret that only shortlisted candidates will be notified for an interview.