

JOB DESCRIPTION

Post : **Technical Officer (Research)**
Research Unit, Office of the Secretary General

Grade : **A3**

Main functions

- Advise and assist the Secretary General in matters relating to policy analysis and research.
- Conduct and produce written research on Customs and international trade subjects, and other matters related to WCO work.
- Co-ordinate and provide research, guidance and assistance where appropriate for work conducted by the three WCO Secretariat Directorates.
- Network with academics and other experts in order to promote academic research on Customs matters.
- The person appointed will also be required to perform such other duties as may be assigned and may be subject to reassignment within the WCO Secretariat.

Qualifications

This is a demanding research post. The following competencies are required :

- A postgraduate (Masters) degree, preferably in anthropology, economics, public administration, business administration, political science or law, or equivalent professional qualification.
- Knowledge and experience of Customs or international trade issues.
- Experience with and knowledge of research methods, preferably in connection with policy analysis and the public sector/intergovernmental organizations.
- Ability to understand and apply relevant policy frameworks and analytical tools to Customs and international trade issues.
- Excellent writing, editing and briefing skills.
- Significant analytical capabilities.
- Knowledge of data collection and analysis tools, such as regression analysis software, is an advantage.
- Cultural empathy.
- Proficiency in speaking and writing in one of the official languages of the WCO (English or French). A good working knowledge of the other is an advantage.

Annex I

Samples of writing

As part of their application for this position, candidates should submit two samples of their writing (in English or French), for which they were the sole or primary author.

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