

Job Title: Graduate Economist



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Zurich

Corporate Title: Associate

Division: CCH-Human Resources (50006402)

Department: CCHP-Pools (50002334)

Hiring Manager: Patrick Saner

About the Graduate Programme:

We are looking for graduates with strong interpersonal skills, who are eager to learn and broaden their knowledge and expertise. You have a Bachelor, Master or PhD degree with up to 3 years professional experience – we invite you to apply to our graduates@swissre programme 2019.

The programme offers you the chance to join the dynamic, fast-moving world of a leading risk knowledge organisation. Over an 18-month period, you'll receive on-and-off-the-job training, including a job rotation that gives you the opportunity to work across different business units.

About the role:

The role of Graduate Economist in Group Economic Research and Strategy is a unique opportunity for you to work on hands-on projects with a tangible impact. Together with a high-caliber and motivated international team, you will be able to actively contribute to the formulation of our economic, insurance and interest rate forecasts for the Group. The role is a broad and exciting professional growth opportunity and an excellent stepping stone within the company with frequent exposure to senior management. Most activities involve collaboration with other teams across the Group. You will shape key strategic projects across the Group and drive Swiss Re's thought leadership. You should expect a dynamic environment and should be able to demonstrate flexibility, adaptability and autonomy in daily work.

Key tasks and responsibilities include:

- Support Group Chief Economist in various tasks (e.g. writing background notes, prepare appealing presentations, etc)
- Analyse macroeconomic variables (e.g. CPI, GDP growth, interest rates, etc) and, to a lesser extent, insurance markets (market size estimates, etc) to provide related forecasts. Closely monitor economic and political developments
- Contribute to Group capital allocation initiatives (e.g. Group Planning activities, scenario analysis, etc)
- Design and improve models to further strengthen the macroeconomic and insurance analysis
- Support Swiss Re's thought-leadership topics (incl. publications in the new Economic Insights report; analysis to facilitate the dialogue with policy makers, etc)

About the team:

Group Economic Research and Strategy (GERS) is part of the Swiss Re Institute, and is responsible for analysing and forecasting the global macroeconomic and insurance market environment. GERS holds a crucial role in steering Swiss Re's capital allocation for both sides of the balance sheet. The team also drives thought leadership on topics of strategic importance for the Group and helps shaping the policy dialogue and outcome. GERS is responsible for Swiss Re's flagship sigma publication series.

GERS is highly visible and interacts with a wide variety of key partners and decision makers across the organization and externally. We are a truly global team located in Zurich, New York, Hong Kong and Beijing and collaborate closely with all of Swiss Re's re/insurance business units and Group functions.

Swiss Re embraces diversity and equal opportunity. We are committed to building an inclusive team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. We further collaborate in a flexible working environment, providing all of our employees with a compelling degree of autonomy to decide how, when and where we work most effectively.

About You:

- Successfully completed university degree or equivalent in Economics or Finance. A degree from another field is also possible, though working knowledge of Economics/Finance is expected
- Ability to break down and communicate often complex concepts in an easy and digestible way verbally and in writing. Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; other languages a plus
- Strong analytical skills and can focus on details without losing track of the bigger picture
- Very agile, open-minded and curious personality with ability to work under tight timelines
- Innovative; showing a high degree of own initiative and is able to work with clients, business partners or senior colleagues
- Strong interest in/motivation to learn about insurance/reinsurance
- Internationally focused and highly motivated with a can-do attitude; dedication to continuous learning and willingness to challenge and improve the status quo
- Team-player, willingness to contribute actively to the overall team spirit
- Ability and enthusiasm to work in a global and multicultural environment, and to be mobile in terms of workplace or location
- Proficiency in MS Office applications (Excel, PowerPoint, Word) is required. Programming skills in one of the major statistical softwares/programming languages (R, Stata, Matlab, Python, EViews) is an advantage