Economists
Do you want to make a difference?

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Overseas Development Institute
Fellowship Scheme
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Overview of ODI

• Britain’s leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues

• Our mission statement:
  ‘To inspire and inform policy and practice which will lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods'
Overview of ODI

• Research
• Practical policy advice
• Policy-focused dissemination and debate
• Staff of over 120
• Over 50 years of experience
• 20+ research programmes
• ODI is funded from public and private sectors
• www.odi.org.uk
The Fellowship Scheme

- Recruit postgraduate economists to work for the governments of developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific on two-year contracts
- Provide governments of developing countries with high-calibre junior professional economists where gaps in local expertise exist
- Provide recent postgraduate economists with practical work experience in a developing country
The Fellowship Scheme

- Established in 1963
- Worked in over 30 countries and placed more than 900 Fellows
- 2011 – 50 awards made
- 100 currently in post working in 24 countries
Fellowship Scheme
Countries

Africa (82 Fellows)
Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zanzibar

Caribbean (3 Fellows)
Guyana

Pacific (15 Fellows)
Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Vanuatu
What do Fellows do?

- Poverty Reduction Strategies
- Forecasting government revenue
- Budget strategy and preparation
- Advising on Trade Policy and assisting with negotiations
- Aid Coordination and Debt Management
- Devising strategic response to HIV/AIDS Crisis
- Advising on application of environmental economic instruments – climate change
Why are Fellows needed?

Lack capacity locally
Public Sector unable to recruit locally – poor salaries, competition from private sectors and donors
Exposure to new ideas and cross cultural thinking
What’s in it for me?

- Two years of invaluable work experience in development working within Public Sector
- Develop personal and professional skills
- Acquire an in-depth insight into life in a developing country
- Establish contacts/networks with a wide range of people and organisations
How does it work?

The employer:

• Contracts Fellows for 2 years
• Pays the local salary
• Extends the same conditions of service as locally recruited staff
How does it work?

**ODI:**

- Administration – including recruitment, selection and pre-departure briefing
- Flights at start and end of contract
- Monthly supplementation
- Emergency medical insurance
- Your is employer is not ODI
What makes a good Fellow?

Essential Entrance Requirements

- Excellent degree and postgraduate qualification, one of which should be in Economics or a related subject
- Sound grasp of economic theory and its application
What makes a good Fellow?

Desirable Entrance Requirements

• Demonstrable interest in Development

• Strong IT Skills

• Relevant work or voluntary experience

• Language competence (Portuguese, French, Swahili)
What makes a good Fellow?

**Intellectual** – problem-solving, analysis of information, communication

**Personal** – adaptive, flexible, able to work effectively with others, confident, willing to learn

**Work skills** – able to prioritise, time management, ability to work without supervision, report writing
How to apply?

- More information on the scheme and the application process can be found on our website: [www.odi.org.uk/fellows](http://www.odi.org.uk/fellows)
- Next round of recruitment will be in November 2012 with a mid December deadline
- Application will be via online format
Questions?

Feel free to email us: fellows@odi.org.uk

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