Methodology Researcher – (Senior Executive Officer)

Office for National Statistics

Location: Fareham, South East : Newport (Gwent), Wales

Statistical Methodology in ONS

Methodologists provide specialist skills to strengthen the work of ONS and the Government Statistical Service (GSS). We improve the rigour and cost effectiveness of regular statistics; develop innovative solutions to emerging issues; and provide a technical and methodological environment that supports a progressive and professional, statistical service.

We currently have a number of opportunities in the Methodology Divisions at the graduate entry level. As a social researcher you will work on methodological projects relating to the wide range of statistical activities of the ONS. These include, for example, the design and testing of questionnaires, implementation of quality assurance initiatives across ONS and the wider GSS, delivery of training, ensuring that disseminated data outputs meet the required quality standards as imposed by the UKSA and the implementation of data harmonization principles across ONS and the wider GSS.

Personal Specification

You will have:

- have an awareness of the practical aspects associated with collecting, processing and using large scale datasets;
• employ statistical/analytical problem solving skills to conduct analysis in support of the work of the division;
• have an awareness of qualitative research methods including the use of cognitive interviewing techniques and thematic analysis;
• be able to report findings and recommendations of analysis and research in a clear and concise way e.g., giving presentations, briefings and writing papers;
• have an awareness of quality and methodological issues relating to the production of reliable statistics;
• have been responsible for managing the delivery of a research project;
• be able to liaise closely with other staff in the immediate work area and other areas across ONS, to share knowledge and build on existing expertise;
• have an awareness of a range of business statistics
• have experience of leading other members of a team.
• knowledge of research methodology, method, techniques and application of these in more complex projects: Bring a fresh approach to devising research methods, for example, designing questionnaires, modifying a methodology.

Qualifications

**Essential:** You should have, or hope to obtain in 2017 a 2:1 degree in a social science subject which contains a research/statistical element

**Desirable:** A postgraduate qualification in a social science subject with a research/statistical element is desirable.

Apply

**Closing date:** 12 Feb 2017