Assistant Methodologist | 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. 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 statistical methodologist you will work on methodological projects relating to the wide range of statistical activities of the ONS. These include, for example, designing samples; devising methods for dealing with non-response in censuses and surveys; estimating for small areas and developing methods for estimating from non-survey sources – such as big data and administrative data.

Person Specification

You will have excellent computing, problem solving, team working and communication skills.

You will also 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;
report findings and recommendations of analysis and research in a clear and concise way
  eg giving presentations, briefings and writing papers;
liase closely with other staff in the immediate work area and other areas across ONS, to share knowledge and build on existing expertise;
undertake personal development.

Qualifications

**Essential:** You should have, or hope to obtain in 2017 a 2:1 degree in statistics or a degree with a substantial statistical content.

**Desirable:** For some posts a post graduate qualification in a mathematical or statistical subject is desirable.

**Closing date:** 12 Feb 2017