

Director of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)

This is to announce the opening of a full-time position as Director of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research. The new Director is to take up his/her duties on 1 September 2016.

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO), based in Vienna, is an independent and non-partisan research institution, which analyzes and forecasts regional and international economic developments and provides economic policy analysis with a strong focus on innovation, social and environmental policy. Founded in 1927, the Institute currently employs more than 100 staff members.

Theory-based research, advanced empirical methods and a detailed insight into institutional and political structures ensure the high quality of WIFO's research. The Institute works for national institutions as well as for the European Commission, the European Parliament, the OECD and other international organizations. The involvement in international scientific networks and research projects, e.g. in EU research programs, extends the range of services and ensures a high level of quality. More information about WIFO is available at <http://www.wifo.ac.at/en>

Qualified applicants should meet the following requirements:

- several years of experience in empirical, policy-oriented economic research, experience in international projects (e.g. in EU projects), and in the communication of research results,
- international scientific reputation with an economic background, evidenced by a high number of publications in internationally recognized journals and monographs,
- familiarity with economic and political institutions in Austria, the EU and international economic organizations,
- familiarity with WIFO's areas of research, publications and economic assignments as well as with its commitment to scientific plurality,
- convincing personal skills in the management of scientific institutions as well as in the leadership and motivation of a highly qualified team,
- international research and teaching experience is of advantage, excellent German skills,
- full-time employment, which can only be limited by a university engagement (maximum one day per week) at a university nearby

In his/her capacity as Director, he/she reports directly to the Board of the Institute. His/Her tasks include the strategic planning, the organization of the research process, and the Institute's external representation. In all staff-related, financial, and organizational activities he or she is supported by an executive team and an executive secretariat. For the time being, the contract for the Director of the Institute is limited to a term of five years, extensions for further five year periods are possible.

Please submit your written application for the period of 2016-2021, containing a cover letter including remuneration expectations, a CV, and any other supporting documents until 10 December 2015 to: Att. President Dr. Christoph Leitl, c/o WIFO, Arsenal Objekt 20, 1030 Vienna, Austria or via e-mail to sekretariat@wifo.ac.at

Inquiries can be made to the secretariat of Professor Dr. Karl Aiginger, the current Director, at +43 (0)1/798 26 01-212 (ext.) or sekretariat@wifo.ac.at