

Job Advert



JOB TITLE: Senior Researcher (Tax Crime Fellow)

SALARY: £40,000-£50,000 dependent on experience.

HOURS: Full time. A flexible working policy is offered, with core working hours of 1000hrs-1500hrs. Part time work of 3 or 4 days will be considered.

CONTRACT: 12 months fixed term contract with likely extension for further 12 months. Subject to a three month probationary period.

LOCATION: Remote, with in-person meeting in Berkshire or Edinburgh at least once per month (travel to be covered at own expense).

BENEFITS: 22 days paid annual leave per year, plus eight Bank Holidays. A contribution of up to £175 towards a co-working desk.

WHO ARE WE: TaxWatch is the UK's only charity dedicated to compliance and sound administration of the law in the field of taxation. We are an investigative think tank which conducts forensic research and analysis on tax compliance, tax policy, and tax law, publishing our research to improve public understanding of these issues. We are independent of any political party.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES: We are seeking a Research Fellow to lead our work on economic crime.

Collaborating with the wider economic crime community in the UK (including journalists, politicians, NGOs, and funders), the task of the new fellow will be to research the tax aspects of cases of global economic crime, develop complaints to put before regulatory bodies where it can be demonstrated that tax professionals have assisted in furthering global economic crime, and seek to amplify the impact of their work through media coverage and targeted advocacy.

The tax crime fellow will also feed-in to work being carried out by a wider group of NGOs to develop both legislative and non-legislative policy proposals for the improvement of regulation of the tax and accountancy professions.

As a small organisation, roles are fluid, and everyone is expected to step in to assist as and when they can. The main tasks of the Research Fellow will be to:

- Develop and carry out **research** from initial concept to finished product in a timely manner. In collaboration with the Executive Director and subject to approval by TaxWatch's editorial committee, you will develop ideas for research projects, undertake investigations, process information and write reports and briefings. This is done with a constant feedback loop amongst the wider TaxWatch team.
- Develop and maintain a **network** of contacts amongst politicians, academics, journalists, professionals and campaigners with an interest in economic crime. Work with that network to develop an understanding of the role of tax professionals.
- Increase the profile of the tax element of economic crime through **outreach**, using our social media and newsletter, and helping get our research to as wide an audience as possible through the national media.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

ESSENTIAL:

- Critical thinking and a curious mindset.

- Ability to work remotely while feeding in to the overall team. TaxWatch reports are collaborative products.
- Self motivated. Able to successfully manage own time, work, and hit deadlines. TaxWatch work ranges from quick, reactive, one page briefings requiring fast turnarounds, through to more slow paced, ten page deep-dive investigations.
- Strong writing capability. TaxWatch is an organisation that places a high priority on efficient and effective writing. Research must be clear, accurate and to the point.
- An interest in policy, and an understanding of the economic crime agenda.
- Networking skills and ability to develop contacts within the wider tax/economic crime field.

DESIRABLE

- Knowledge of tax issues, particularly with regards to policy and enforcement.
- A familiarity with numbers and corporate accounting.
- Experience with working on financial investigations.
- Experience in a relevant field (e.g. NGO work, criminal investigations, accounting).

HOW TO APPLY: CV (no more than two pages), and covering letter (one page), to be emailed to Alex Dunnagan at alex@taxwatchuk.org.

CLOSING DATE: 1700hrs, Friday 12 August 2022.

INTERVIEWS: Date and location tbc. Likely week commencing Monday 19 September in Reading.