

UNIVERSITY OF DERBY
JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Applied Economist (Fixed Term 24 months)		
DEPARTMENT / COLLEGE	College of Business, Law and Social Sciences		
LOCATION	The Chatsworth Settlement, The Estate Office, Edensor, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PJ		
JOB NUMBER	0464-19	SALARY	Circa £25,000 depending on qualifications + £4,000 personal development budget
REPORTS TO	Chief Financial Officer (Devonshire Group) Senior Lecturer in Economics (University of Derby)		

Role Summary

The role is a 24 month project based within the Finance Team of the Chatsworth Settlement, part of the Devonshire Group, in collaboration with the University of Derby's Economics and Finance Division and Centre for Business Improvement. As a Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) Associate, you will develop an in-house capability to measure the economic and employment impact of the Devonshire Group's activities in order to inform evidence-based strategic decision-making.

The role will require the design, development and implementation of a set of tools and templates for measuring the economic and employment impact of the Devonshire Group's business activity on a continuous basis. You will also establish and document how to link the Group's existing social and environmental valuation with economic impact evaluation, and how to embed continuous economic impact evaluation in the Group's strategic decision making process.

You will be proactive in gaining the wider support of staff and stakeholders at Chatsworth and the wider Group in order to understand how data is currently collected and develop ways that new data can be gathered. The role will also require responsibility for managing a real-time project over an extended period which will provide data that feeds into strategic decision-making across the Group.

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Principal Accountabilities

- To develop a continuous economic impact evaluation (EIE) tool and process, with a justified and transparent methodology which can stand up to external scrutiny and feed into the Devonshire Group's strategic decision making process.
- To ensure the methodology is transferred, fit for purpose in a real-life commercial setting, and adaptable to the Devonshire Group's future activities and ventures.
- To apply the methodology, oversee data collection and application of the tools, and compile a set of user manuals and guidance notes which accompany the tools and templates.

- To undertake an economic and employment impact analysis of the Devonshire Groups' activities, and engage in wider dissemination of the results within the Heritage sector.
- To proactively gain the wider support of the staff and stakeholders in the Devonshire Group to develop methodology, data collection and economic impact analysis linked to the strategic decision making process.
- To be responsible for managing a real time project, providing data and economic analysis that feeds into the strategic decision-making across the Group.
- To train staff to effectively use the data with the methodology
- Any other duties as required to support the role.

Person Specification

1. Essential Criteria

Qualifications

- Undergraduate degree (or above) in Economics with a strong focus on applied microeconomic analysis

Experience

- Experience of basic economic theory research
- Proven experience of successfully managing projects with several deadlines
- Experience of report writing, formal presentations and working effectively in teams
- Data collection, data analysis and economic analysis experience

Skills, knowledge and abilities

- Ability to develop specialist knowledge of GVA calculations and micro-economic impact study methodology
- Ability to develop processes and procedures to facilitate change within an organisation
- Excellent verbal and written communication, networking and relationship building skills
- IT literate with a working knowledge of Microsoft Office (especially Excel), use of databases such as ONS, and applied data analysis
- Professional, proactive and resilient attitude to work
- Attention to detail
- Ability to work effectively within a small team, with people at all levels to achieve a positive outcome

Business requirements

- Willingness, ability, and flexibility to travel independently between the company site on the Chatsworth Estate and the University of Derby when required, or other sites, if required, in a cost effective and timely manner

2. Desirable Criteria

Qualifications

- MSc in Economics

Experience

- A strong desire to gain economic impact study experience

Skills, knowledge and abilities

- A keen interest in working with a leading organisation in the UK heritage sector and sector stakeholders

Benefits

- £4,000 Development Budget
- Travel & Subsistence Budget
- The Chatsworth Settlement, The Estate Office, Edensor, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1PJ
- Probation period: 6 months
- Hours of work per week: 35 hours per week | 9am – 5pm with an hour (unpaid) for lunch
- Annual leave entitlement: 23 days + normal bank holidays.
- Notice period: 1 month from both parties.