

Senior Economist

Purpose of the role

The purpose of the Senior Economist position is to be a trusted advisor to our clients and members and work within NZIER project teams to deliver high-quality economic research and analysis that allows our clients and members to make better business and policy decisions and deliver thought leadership on important issues facing New Zealand as part of NZIER's public good research programme.

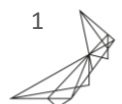
Who will you be working with

- Internal:
- The Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, and consultants
 - The Corporate Services Manager, Administrative Support Assistant, Information Specialist, and other employees from time to time.
 - This role reports to the Head of Wellington or Auckland Business.
- External:
- NZIER members
 - NZIER clients and stakeholders
 - Contracted service providers and suppliers.

What you will be doing

As a Senior Economist, you will be responsible for:

- Building trusted advisor relationships with clients and members
- Responding to new business opportunities with existing and prospective clients, including preparations of proposals
- Designing approaches to addressing problems and opportunities for our clients
- Undertaking high-quality quantitative and qualitative economic research that allows our clients and members to make good business and policy decisions
- Operating our CGE model as part of this economic research, including updating and maintaining the database and model, as well as proficiency in coding in GEMPACK
- Providing advice to NZIER staff on the use of our CGE model, as well as training and mentoring staff in CGE modelling
- Taking leadership in how we use and develop our CGE model to ensure our approach is best practice. You will also identify opportunities to further improve our capability and offering of analysis using CGE modelling
- Maintaining and developing relationships with the Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS) at Victoria University in Melbourne and the wider New Zealand and international CGE modelling communities



- Contributing to the identification of issues of importance to New Zealand and undertaking economic research and analysis to provide thought leadership on them as part of the NZIER Public Good programme
- Drafting, finalising and presenting reports and presentations to clients, members and other stakeholders and as part of the NZIER public good programme
- Providing professional development to NZIER staff who are earlier in their careers
- Providing quality assurance of the projects of other NZIER staff in your specific area of expertise
- Representing NZIER to clients, members, other stakeholders and the media in your areas of expertise
- Maintaining the currency of your professional skills, including knowledge of CGE modelling and associated documentation, including liaison with the Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS)
- Undertaking all administrative tasks required to ensure the efficient and profitable operation of NZIER
- Working in accordance with NZIER's shared values and project management procedures.

You will be expected to manage your time effectively and to prioritise your work to undertake all the duties that are reasonably required to meet the purpose of your role and the success of NZIER.

The skills, attributes and experience you will need

Our skills framework covers functional and personal/interpersonal skills that embody our Shared Values of Working Together (Mahi Ngātahi) with:

- Rigour
- Respect
- Integrity
- Fun

You will need an economics degree and/or a degree that contributes to economic research, such as mathematics or public policy.

You will also need experience in areas of economics and/or public policy consistent with NZIER's client base and areas of opportunity.

You need to have a commitment to NZIER's purpose of helping our clients and members make better business and policy decisions and providing thought leadership that adds insight to important public issues.



Key skills include for this role:

Functional

- **Relationship Management:** The ability to form and develop long-term trusted advisor relationships with clients and members and respond to their needs in a professional manner
- **Analysis:** The ability to understand complex situations, identify options and recommend a solution based on a logical assessment and the application of fit-for-purpose economic and statistical analytical framework and techniques
- **Accountability:** The ability to take responsibility for one's own work, and lead, manage and contribute to projects to achieve quality outcomes

Personal and Interpersonal

- **Development:** The ability to identify current and future capability requirements in yourself.
- **Working with others:** The ability to effectively work with a team of people with different skills in the completion of high-quality work for clients and members and NZIER's public good research.
- **Communication:** The ability to clearly present information tailored to the audience and use persuasion and negotiation skills.

