

Research Fellow

Financial regulation and climate

Permanent contract – CDI

OVERVIEW OF I4CE

The Institute for Climate Economics (**I4CE**) is a Paris-based think tank with expertise in economics and finance with the mission to support action against climate change.

Through its applied research, the Institute contributes to the debate on climate-related policies. It also publishes research to support financial institutions, businesses and local territories in the fight against climate change.

I4CE is a registered non-profit organization, which was founded in 2015 by the French National Promotional Bank Caisse des Dépôts and the French Development Agency (AFD). Our research is made public, and we aim for full transparency on the methods, sources and assumptions underlying our results.

For more information on I4CE: [2022 activity report](#).

POSITION AND TASKS DESCRIPTION

The Research Fellow will join a team of highly motivated researchers committed to projects aimed at using financial regulation to prompt the financial sector to align their financial flows with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

The Research Fellow will help identify frontier research topics in the area, build convincing project proposals and be responsible for the implementation of one or several research projects.

The Research Fellow will analyse specific aspects of the current regulatory framework and understand their side-effects with regard to channeling financial flows to climate-friendly, harmful or transition-related activities and assets. The Research Fellow will discuss options for reforming specific pieces of regulations with practitioners from financial regulators and supervisors, financial institutions or public agencies and also with other experts from think tanks, NGOs and academia.

The Research Fellow will undertake qualitative and quantitative assessments for specific reform proposals to better understand their potential impact on shifting financial flows as well as other relevant effects.

The Research Fellow will be involved in projects that focus primarily on the European regulatory framework. However, you will also follow and seek to influence international debates on these issues for example as part of the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), the Basel Committee or the G20.

A first project would focus on the introduction of mandatory climate transition plans for banks in prudential regulation and the implementation guidelines to be developed by the European Banking Authority.

SKILLS REQUIRED

The position is for a person with a Master or PhD degree and 3-8 years of professional experience.

This position requires a strong knowledge of policy analysis skills and a very good understanding of financial sector operations as well as a good understanding of the challenges of the low-carbon transition.

The specific skills and motivations expected are as follows:

- Excellent skills in at least one area and a good understanding and strong motivation to work in the others: financial sector regulation, risk management in financial institutions, climate policies and economic challenges related to the low-carbon transition.
- Excellent research and writing skills:
 - ability to propose innovative and relevant research questions;
 - ability to conceptualize research problems and design methodological frameworks;
 - ability to apply advanced methods and undertake rigorous research;
 - ability to produce high quality research results in formats suitable for the target audience and excellent writing skills;
 - ability to disseminate research results, including ability to present findings at conferences and workshops and interact in English with high-level experts.
 - autonomy and very good project management skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work in European and international environments:
 - development of funding requests and partnership proposals with international organizations and donors;
 - ability to develop, implement and adapt research projects according to the European and international agenda.
- The desire to contribute to the development of the team's strategy, work program and communication plan.
- A perfect command of spoken and written English is essential, knowledge of French is highly desirable.

Location: Office based in Paris (30 rue de Fleurus 75006 Paris); remote work possible with minimum presence in Paris and depending on profile and location.

Salary: According to profile and experience and in line with I4CE salary grid

Start date: As soon as possible

To apply: Send a CV, a cover letter, and a writing sample in English, to Anuschka Hilke, Programme Director Financial Institutions as soon as possible: anuschka.hilke@i4ce.org

Review of applications will begin on February 13th; however, the applications will be accepted until the position is filled.