

The Italian Ministry of Finance and the OECD/CTPA

Alessandro Di Battista Fellowship 2016-17

In 2002, the Italian Government, in collaboration with the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration (CTPA) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), established the Alessandro Di Battista Fellowship. It is co-funded by the Italian Ministry of Finance in memory of the young Italian economist Alessandro Di Battista, who came from that Ministry to work on tax analysis at the OECD and prematurely passed away in 2001.

The main objective of the Di Battista Fellowship is to allow a young Italian economist to be on loan from his/her current employer to the OECD to conduct economic analysis of tax policy and acquire experience at the CTPA in Paris for a total period of 12 months. This position is financed by the Italian Ministry of Finance, allowing the retained candidate to receive a supplement of 3,000€ per month to the regular salary provided by the candidate's home organisation, in recognition of the additional costs involved.

The Host Organisation

The OECD is a unique forum where the governments of 34 market democracies work together to address the economic, social and governance challenges of the globalising world economy, as well as to exploit its opportunities.

The CTPA (www.oecd.org/tax) is the focal point for the OECD's work on all taxation issues, both international and domestic. The CTPA collaborates with other parts of the Organisation on issues such as tax and climate change, tax and growth, and the impact of taxation on labour markets. The CTPA provides the analytical support to the OECD's Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA), which consists of senior tax policy and administration officials from OECD member countries and partners and which directs the organisation's work on taxation. Through its work, the CTPA enhances the OECD's global role in standard-setting, building knowledge, communicating with the world and interacting with governments to inform and influence policy making in the tax area.

Job Duties

The 2016-17 Di Battista Fellow will work on one or more of a number of areas of economic analysis – both quantitative and qualitative in nature – under the current work programme of the Tax Policy and Statistics (TPS) Division, depending on their particular skills. The programme involves a range of issues such as tax policy reform, the use of tax expenditures and other preferences, taxation and the environment, and the comparative taxation of different forms of investment income. There is particular interest in candidates who can support the TPS Division's work in the area of business and international taxation. In this regard, the TPS Division is working to improve data and statistics on base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) as part of the implementation of the OECD/G20 BEPS project, and specifically the recommendations in BEPS Action 11 final report. The Division will also be analysing business tax issues dealing with debt-equity issues, business incentives, as well as

the impact of measures introduced to address BEPS.

Qualifications: education, experience, communication and languages

1. Education and experience

- An advanced university degree or studying for a PhD in economics, preferably including taxation or public finance.
- A genuine interest in developing his/her career by working on the economics and statistics of tax policy issues.
- 2 to 3 years of relevant work experience will be an advantage.
- Experience in business taxation will be an advantage.

2. Key competencies

- Excellent conceptual thinking, research and analytical skills.
- Ability to draft reports which are clear, concise and accessible.
- Ability to work in a multicultural team; excellent interpersonal, negotiation and diplomatic skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and adhere to strict deadlines.
- Fluency in the use of standard software applications (Microsoft PowerPoint, Word, Excel). Ability to work with statistical software (e.g., Stata) will be an asset.

3. Communication and OECD official languages

- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Excellent written and oral command of one of the two official languages of the OECD (English and French) and working knowledge of the other.

Applications and enquiries

Applicants should submit in one of the two OECD official languages, preferably in English:

- A detailed and comprehensive Curriculum Vitae;
- A cover letter with your motivation to join CTPA and areas of interest and expertise. This letter should also outline what contribution you could make to the TPS Division's work on the BEPS project as well as in relation to other areas of economic analysis identified in the section on *Job duties* above.
- A statement of confirmation that your employer is willing to continue paying your basic salary.

Expressions of interest should be sent to dibattista.fellowship@oecd.org – subject: Application to the Di Battista Fellowship 2016-17. The closing date for applications is **Sunday 6 December 2015**.

The selection procedure will be completed by mid-January 2016. The retained candidate is expected to start at the OECD in February 2016.

If you wish to apply or find out more about this Fellowship, please contact Ms. Michèle Franceschetti, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD, 2 rue André-Pascal, 75775 Paris Cedex 16, France. Email: michele.franceschetti@oecd.org.