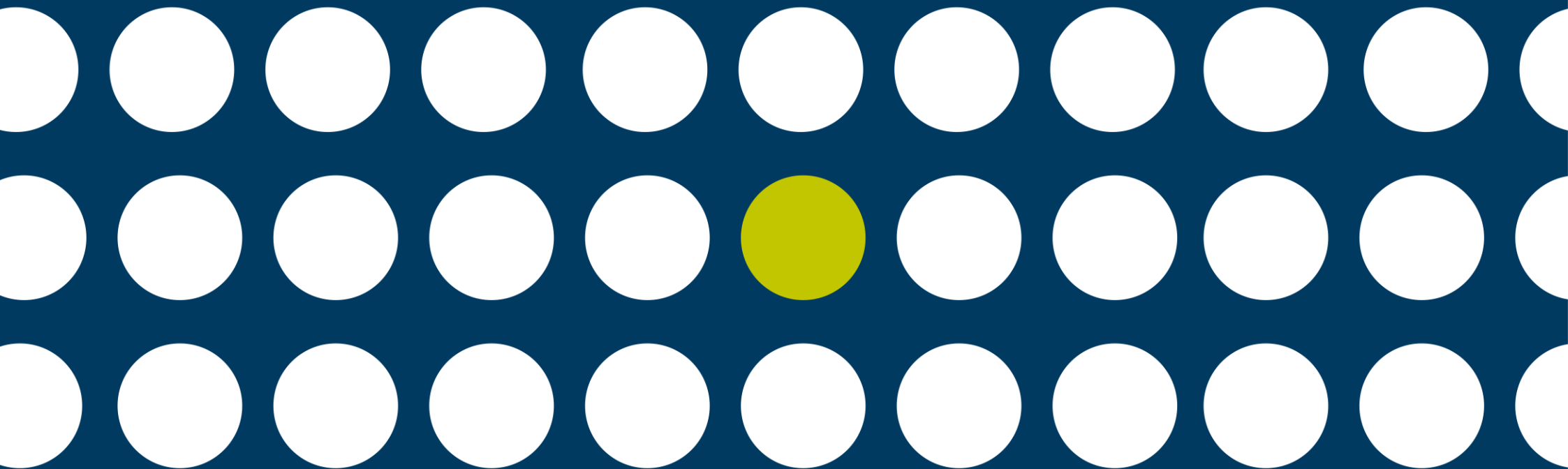


Applicant Pack

ONS Fellows



Office for
National Statistics



Thank you for your interest
in this position.

It is an **exciting** opportunity to
work with a **radical, ambitious,
inclusive and sustainable**
organisation.

Welcome

In September 2016, ONS established the ONS Fellowships and the Economic Experts Working Group in response to Professor Sir Charles Bean's independent review of UK economic statistics, to help advise us on our ambitious plans to improve our economic capability. Since then, the ONS Fellows have played an important and valuable role in the successful transformation of a wider range of data, statistics and analysis at the ONS.

We are now looking to refresh the Fellowship and are therefore running an exercise to recruit ONS Fellows in order to continue the work of this group.

This pack sets out how the Fellows work with the ONS, both collectively as the Economic Experts Working Group, and individually with parts of the ONS, working on particular subjects where they have expertise which can add value.

The ONS Fellows have also acted in an advocacy role to further the economic measurement agenda, raising its profile and importance.

All ONS Fellows have played an active role in helping shape and facilitate ONS's external engagement, with universities and with users more widely.

The pack describe the requirements for the ONS Fellows, together with the terms and conditions and the application procedure. These roles provide an exciting opportunity to collaborate, advise and engage with ONS.

We are actively seeking a broad group of candidates who can bring fresh perspectives, and a diversity of thought and background. We recruit on merit, not just experience, and would welcome applicants for whom this would be their first advisory role.

If you can help shape the future of economic and environmental measurement and analysis, then we look forward to receiving your application.

Dr Michael Keoghan

Deputy National Statistician
Director General, Economic,
Social and Environmental Statistics Group



Why ONS?

Office for National Statistics (ONS)

At ONS, our people are our strength, and we aim to be a brilliant and inclusive employer to over 5,000 colleagues, who work flexibly across all our sites and in co-located teams.

We have people in offices in Newport, South Wales (the majority of our colleagues are based here), Titchfield, Darlington, Edinburgh and London as well as a large team of interviewers, who are based throughout the UK. We are establishing our presence in the Darlington Economic Campus, alongside other government departments.

What do people say about us?

'Truly collaborative place – any time I need input from other areas, it's welcomed and supported'

Kate, People Solutions

'A brilliant place to work with a genuine focus on people and career development'

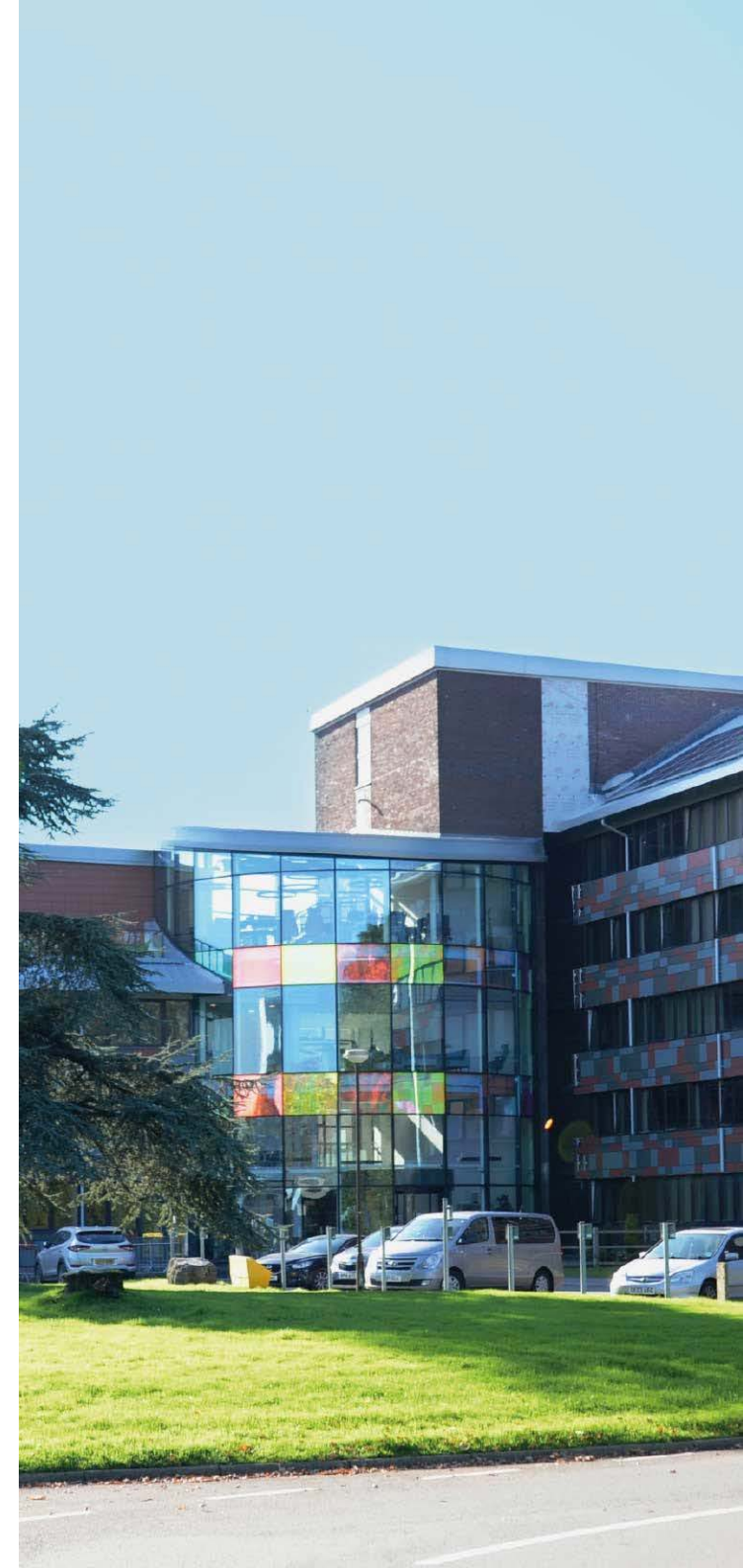
Ross, Macroeconomic Statistics and Analysis

'One of my favourite things about working in ONS is that it is packed with committed and inspiring people who genuinely care about the impact we have across the whole of society in the UK.'

Anne, Population and Public Policy

'A modern and flexible working environment with a focus on staff and culture'

Tom, Recruitment Services



Our mission

“High quality data and analysis to **inform** the UK, **improve lives** and **build the future.**”

Official statistics are for the benefit of society and the economy generally. They allow the formulation of better public policy and the effective measurement of those policies; they inform the direction of economic and commercial activities; they provide valuable information for analysts, researchers, public and voluntary bodies; and they enable the public to hold to account all organisations that spend public money, thus informing democratic debate.

You can find out more about the UK Statistics Authority strategy here:
[UKSA Website](#)

About the role

ONS Fellows

Remuneration: £500 per day
Closing date: 15 July 2022

The ONS is looking for academic, public or private sector experts to become part of our “ONS Fellowship”. The ONS Fellows provide innovative analytical and methodological skills to support the ONS to meet its publicly stated objectives around improving statistics and analysis.

The Fellows work by developing solutions to challenges in a range of areas across ONS. We seek to recruit people who can bring particular insight into those challenges, who will work alongside existing ONS teams. They have unrivalled access to ONS datasets and new and emerging methods.

We are looking for you to use your expertise to help drive forward innovative solutions to challenging areas and support the transformation of economic and environmental statistics.

Ways of working

The ONS Fellowships are designed to bring together cutting-edge research and analysis with the day-to-day production of statistics by the ONS.

We expect the roles to be ‘hands-on’ and to include close working with ONS colleagues to deliver radical change where necessary.

Fellows work with the ONS in three principal ways:

- Collectively through the Economic Experts Working Group, which meets six times a year, and is chaired by, and includes representation from, ONS
- Individually with ONS staff to provide expertise and advice
- As advocates for economic statistics and their development, and as a conduit of views and information between the ONS and users.

Meetings are likely to be held in our office locations in London or in Newport (South Wales). Virtual access via MS Teams will also be available for all or most meetings.

Fellows will be provided with an ONS laptop to facilitate data access and communication.

Time commitment

The ONS requires up to 50 days per year (7.5 hours per day), and the contract will run for a 2 year period between September 2022 and August 2024 for each Fellow.

Once appointed, for payment purposes you will be required to engage with one of our recruitment partners. ONS will provide you with the necessary information to do that and if you have any questions in the meantime, please email us on: scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk.

The successful candidate must meet the security requirements before they can be appointed. The level of security needed is [Security Clearance](#).

Requirements

As an ONS Fellow, you will bring your knowledge, expertise and a set of specialist transferable skills to help us in the transformation of economic and environmental statistics.

Your skills may have been developed in academia, local or national government, the not-for-profit or private sectors, or through some other lived or non-traditional experience.

You may have worked in the UK or internationally. Irrespective of your specific career history, you will bring strong analytical skills, an ability to communicate clearly and with influence, along with a desire to improve your own work and that of your colleagues.

You will provide 'hands-on' support and constructive challenge to our teams, helping us to find and deliver innovative solutions to complex problems.

You will share expert knowledge with the ONS by providing guidance and assurance on the gathering and analysis of relevant information, and help to deliver methodological improvements to ONS data, statistics and analysis.

You will work closely with senior leaders and may be called upon to support external presentation of innovative developments.

Individuals should have, and be able to demonstrate in their application, the following:

- Strong analytical skills and experience applying them to complex statistical and measurement challenges.
- An innovative approach to statistics development or delivery, including digital skills and expertise in developing solutions to measurement problems.
- A successful track record in improving or developing concepts and methodologies that relate to economic statistics and the measurement of the modern economy.
- Evidence of producing publications.

We are looking for candidates with experience in one or more of the following areas:

- The modern economy and National Accounts
- Household income and consumption
- Administrative data, the digital economy and real-time indicators
- Trade and investment
- Labour markets and households
- Prices, deflators and quality change
- "Beyond GDP": broader measures of welfare and activity, including the environment and "inclusive wealth"
- Productivity, innovation and business dynamics
- Subnational (regional and local) statistics and analysis
- Population and health statistics and modelling

Recruitment timetable



Vacancy live

28 June 2022

Closing date

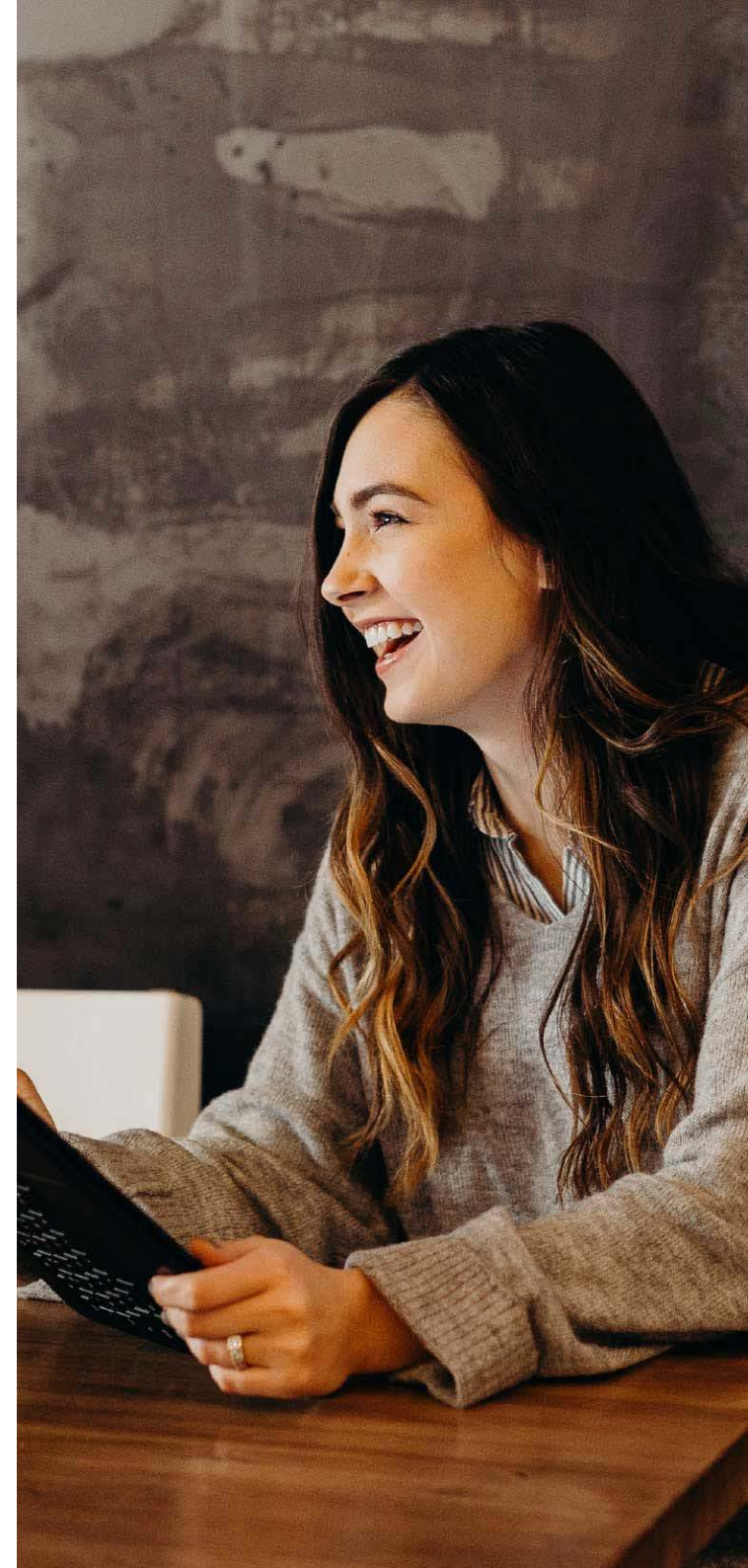
18 July 2022

Interviews

w/c 1 August 2022

Fellows appointed

w/c 8 August 2022



Selection approach

Applications should include:

1. A covering letter explaining why this post interests you and how you meet the criteria as detailed in the requirements section of the vacancy description.
Your covering letter should be no longer than two sides of A4.
2. A curriculum vitae which includes:
 - Details of education and professional qualifications
 - Full employment history
 - Relevant achievements in recent posts

Please send your completed application to SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk with your CV and statement as attachments.

Applications will be sifted following the closing date and interviews will be held during the week commencing 1 August 2022.



Contact

**Thank you for your
interest in this
position.**

Please send your completed application
to SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk

If you have any questions,
please get in touch:

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