

The Italian Ministry of Finance and the OECD/CTPA Alessandro Di Battista Fellowship 2023-2024

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 their 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 3072.00 € per month to the regular salary provided by the candidate's home organisation, in recognition of the additional costs involved. The CTPA is looking for an economist from the Italian public administration who is prepared to undertake quantitative economic analysis.

The Host Organisation

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ([OECD](#)) is an international organisation comprised of 38 member countries, that works to build better policies for better lives. Our mission is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. Together with governments, policy makers and citizens, we work on establishing evidence-based international standards, and finding solutions to a range of social, economic and environmental challenges. From improving economic performance and creating jobs to fostering strong education and fighting international tax evasion, we provide a unique forum and knowledge hub for data and analysis, exchange of experiences, best-practice sharing, and advice on public policies and international standard-setting.

The OECD has earned a leading role in international tax issues. The Centre for Tax Policy and Administration ([CTPA](#)) is the focal point for the OECD's work on all taxation issues, both international and domestic, and it works to advance the Strategic Orientations of the Secretary General, ensuring impact of the OECD tax work in the international governance architecture. The CTPA collaborates with other parts of the Organisation on issues such as the digitalisation of the global economy, tax and climate change, tax and inclusive growth, and the impact of taxation on labour markets and several other multidisciplinary projects. The CTPA also provides the analytical support to the OECD's Committee on Fiscal Affairs, which consists of senior tax policy and administration officials from OECD countries, Associate and Partner countries and other international and regional tax organisations. It also supports the work of the 141 members of the Inclusive Framework on BEPS. Through its work, the CTPA enhances the OECD's global role in standard-setting, building knowledge, communicating with the world and interacting with governments and stakeholders from around the world to inform and influence policy making in the tax area.

Main Responsibilities

The 2023-2024 Di Battista Fellow will undertake economic analysis – both quantitative and qualitative in nature – under the current work programme of the Tax Policy and Statistics (TPS) Division, building on their particular skill set. The programme involves a broad range of issues related to personal and corporate tax policy reform, value added taxes, the use of tax expenditures and other tax preferences, environmental taxes, and the comparative taxation of different forms of investment income.

The selected candidate will support the TPS Division's work in the area of business and international taxation. S/he will work on a range of topics in the area of corporate, business and international taxation. These could include ongoing analysis of the international tax reform proposals currently being considered by the Inclusive Framework on BEPS; the analysis of tax incentives for research and development within the OECD's effective tax rate modelling framework; and analysis of the taxation of personal and business income by legal form and its links to income recharacterisation and inequality.

Ideal Candidate Profile

Academic Background

- An advanced university degree or studying for a PhD in economics, preferably with a focus on taxation or public finance.
- A genuine interest in developing their career by working on the economics and statistics of tax policy issues.

Professional Background

- At least two years, preferably three years' experience of relevant work experience in a tax administration, ministry of finance, research institution, or university
- Experience in business taxation will be an advantage.

Key competencies

- Excellent conceptual thinking, research and analytical skills.
- Excellent ability to draft reports, in English or French, 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.
- Proficiency in the use of standard software applications (Microsoft PowerPoint, Word, Excel).
- Ability to work with statistical software (e.g., STATA) will be an asset.

Languages

- Fluency in one of the two OECD official languages (English and French) and knowledge of the other, with a commitment to reach a good working level.
- Knowledge of other languages is an asset.

Applications and enquiries

Applications have to be submitted in one of the two OECD official languages (English or French), preferably in English. **Only fully completed files will be examined:**

- A detailed and comprehensive Curriculum Vitae;
- A cover letter with their motivation to join CTPA and areas of interest and expertise. This letter should also outline what contribution they could make to the TPS Division's work on the areas of work outlined above.
- A statement of confirmation, signed by the candidates, that their employer is willing to continue paying their basic salary, including social security contributions (please note that a grant is not equivalent to a salary).

Expressions of interest should be sent to DiBattista.fellowship@oecd.org –

Subject: Application to the Di Battista Fellowship 2023-2024

The closing date for applications is: 21 NOVEMBER 2022.

The retained candidate is expected to start at the OECD in early 2023

For any further information please contact this email: DiBattista.fellowship@oecd.org