

The Italian Ministry of Finance and the OECD/CTPA

Alessandro Di Battista Fellowship 2017-18

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 2808,00 € 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 global economic forum working with 35 member countries and more than 100 emerging and developing economies to make 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. The Organisation provides a unique forum in which governments work together to share experiences on what drives economic, social and environmental change, seeking solutions to common problems.

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, in co-ordination with the OECD Sherpa team. 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 and several other multidisciplinary projects. The CTPA also provides the analytical support to the OECD's Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA), which consists of senior tax policy and administration officials from OECD countries, Associate and Partner countries and other international and regional tax organisations. Through its work, the CTPA enhances the OECD's global role in standard-setting, building knowledge, communicating with the world and interacting with governments from around the world to inform and influence policy making in the tax area.

Job Duties

The 2017-18 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 taxation of the digital economy, 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 on the taxation of the digital economy and 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, including social security contributions (please note that a grant is not equivalent to a salary). This document can be omitted at the moment of the application, but, if you

are short-listed for an interview, it must be sent three days before the interview at the latest.

Expressions of interest should be sent to dibattista.fellowship@oecd.org – subject: Application to the Di Battista Fellowship 2017-18. The closing date for applications is Monday 17th July 2017 Midnight, Paris time.

The selection procedure will be completed by mid-September 2017. The retained candidate is expected to start at the OECD in October 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.