

Job Description: Chief Economist

Overall Purpose:

The purpose of this position is to work with other members of the Directors Team to provide the vision, leadership, technical competence and management required to achieve **nef**'s objectives.

Specifically, as Chief Economist you will provide intellectual leadership relating to all aspects of economics within **nef**, as well as contribute to project conceptualisation, design, funding, implementation and quality assurance.

The Chief Economist reports to the Executive Director.

In this position you will:

- Work with the Executive Director and the Directors' Team to develop and implement **nef**-wide strategy.
- Develop **nef**'s work on economics, both in your own projects and as a contributor to work across the programme areas of **nef**
- Lead **nef**'s ambitious work on economic modelling internally and build and maintain an external network to carry this work to its conclusion
- Work with the Executive Director and the Directors' Team to identify and prioritise project opportunities.
- Lead on the conceptualisation, development and funding of priority projects.
- Work with Policy Director, Advocacy Officer and Communications Team to generate maximum impact from project work.

You will be responsible for:

- Assuring the relevance and technical quality of economics research in all **nef** projects.
- Managing staff and build an internal economics unit within **nef**.
- Project development and funding
- Financial management of project resources.
- Project implementation.

You will have:

- Strong technical economics skills, specifically in relation to quantitative, statistical analysis.
- A deep understanding of both orthodox and heterodox economics, with a focus on the macroeconomics of sustainability.
- Experience of macroeconomic model-building (or a demonstrable aptitude for this work)

- A relevant post-graduate qualification.
- A proven track record of conceptualising and executing your own economic research
- A proven track record of managing, supervising and mentoring researchers.
- A proven track record of financial and personnel management at a senior level and fundraising in a research, think-tank or similar setting.
- A proven track record of conceptualising, implementing and managing policy-oriented research, action-research and/or development projects.
- Good IT skills.
- An extensive publication record.

You will also:

- Be an excellent writer and communicator.
- Be an excellent motivator and mentor.
- Be a team player.
- Be a creative thinker.
- Be capable of working under pressure and to deadlines.
- Believe in what **nef** is trying to do and the philosophy underlying our approach to new economics.