INTERNSHIP – JUNIOR ANALYST

The CFC is seeking to recruit an Intern, based in its Amsterdam office, to support the work of the Operations Unit. This is an excellent opportunity for a Bachelors / Masters student, resident in the Netherlands, with an interest in financial analysis. Applicants with interest and / or experience in the development sector are strongly encouraged to apply. This position is especially interesting given the work of the CFC with agricultural projects for developing countries and the financial and operational impact of such projects to the country and region.

In a pandemic plagued, COVID-19 wrecked world, we need innovations and, in some cases, almost a new beginning. What are the changes that we need to foresee? How? Where? When? If those questions also haunt you and push you to strive for a better tomorrow, please consider joining us.

This position is being offered on a part time basis of a minimum of 2 working days a week for a period of 6 months. While the CFC is unable to pay a wage for internship positions, a monthly allowance is paid to assist with living costs.

DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

The focus of this position is on the analysis prior to implementation of projects and on the annual review of project reports. Additional duties may be assigned based on interest, need and preference of the individual candidates. The Junior Analyst will support the Operations Unit of the CFC and her/his specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Operational and financial analysis of project proposals submitted. Support in operational and financial due diligence of projects selected for detailed analysis.
- Quantification, in words and numbers, of the challenges that may need our immediate attention in a post COVID-19 world.
- Support in social and environmental impact analysis of projects.
- Suggest means to multiply impacts through innovations and creativity, where applicable.
- Elaborate the risk analysis of projects according to CFC calculation system and defined risk classification.
- Support the negotiation of conditions such as interest rate, reporting requirements, covenants and securing structures for projects with the project initiators and sponsors.
- Analyze and evaluate reports submitted by projects financed by the CFC; identify gaps and initiate appropriate action.
- Support Risk and Portfolio Manager in her/his reporting duties.

COMPETENCIES

Empathy. An ability to have a deep understanding and sympathy for the needs of others, especially for those people living at the margins of the developing world.

Analytical and operational skills. Fully conversant in data analysis using Excel, and a good understanding of company financial statements (including balance sheet and profit and loss accounting).
Communication and teamwork. Demonstrates openness in sharing information and keeping people informed; solicits input by genuinely valuing others’ ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others.

Strong functional and operational understanding. The successful candidate must possess a clear understanding of what it takes to manage projects in a complex and critical stakeholder environment with diverging goals and objectives.

Core commitment to good governance and ethical business practices. The successful candidate will have experience in best practices in diligence and governance.

Professionalism. The Junior Analyst should show persistence when faced with difficult problems or challenges, must remain calm in stressful situations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Student in Business Administration, Development Studies, Economics, Finance, or related fields.
- Knowledge of financial matters associated with of loan and equity oriented agriculture / SME projects.
- Ability of appraisal of financial interventions directed towards loan financed development projects.
- Familiarity with the environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) lending principles with focus on supporting small-scale/ small holder farmers.
- Candidates with experience of living and or working in a developing country, or those who can provide insight into the workings of SME’s or small holder farms are especially encouraged to apply.
- Experience in planning and reporting on projects.
- Good interpersonal, communication and presentation skills.
- Desire and experience of working in a multicultural environment.
- Willingness to travel if and as required.
- Strong team player with excellent client service orientation and openness to feedback and new ideas, contributes to a good working environment.
- Experience and proven ability in the use of databases, spreadsheet programs and word processing.
- Good command of written and spoken English. Working knowledge of French or Spanish is preferred.
- It is important to note that the CFC can only offer internship opportunities to nationals of its Member States. For a full list of Member States please refer to the “About us” section of the CFC website.

TO APPLY

Applicants should complete this short form and send a brief cover letter (max 500 words) and concise curriculum vitae, in English, to recruitment@common-fund.org. The closing date for applications is 18:00hrs (CET) on Wednesday 23 September 2020.

Kindly note that only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted.