

Position Overview

Reporting to the Director of Strategic Opportunities, the Financial Economist is responsible for planning and undertaking research that helps develop new Indigenous led solutions to various challenges faced by First Nations Communities. The Financial Economist will lead on the collection, analysis, interpretation and reporting of pertinent financial economic statistical data.

The Financial Economist is responsible developing financial and micro economic models by analyzing relevant data, financial conditions, incentives and researching market trends.

Accountabilities

- Study regulatory processes and provide material in support of discussions with government and other stakeholders;
- Developing statistical and econometric models for economic forecasting;
- Communicating data in the form of presentations, technical reports, and non-technical reports;
- Formulate recommendations, policies, or plans to aid in interpretation for solutions to economic problems, such as recommending changes in methods or policies;
- Evaluate opportunities to produce new services and analyze trends;
- Assemble socio-economic data for projects;
- Interprets trends, and compiles reports detailing their impact on the organization, clients, or stakeholders;
- Ensures data is presented in a clear and actionable way; supporting management with information that assists their decision making;
- Plan, design, and conduct research to aid in interpretation of economic relationships and for solutions to problems arising;
- Devise methods and procedures for collecting and processing data, utilizing knowledge of available sources of data and various econometric and sampling techniques;
- Research and recommend enhancements to data collection systems;
- Assist with development of business plans for new projects and initiatives;
- Convey complex statistical data in user-friendly terminology;
- Conduct research and develop models to analyze and explain economic behaviour and patterns, and devise methods for collection and analysis of data;
- Analyze factors which determine micro economic growth and advise on policies to increase economic activities;
- Collecting and analyzing financial, political, and socioeconomic data;
- Conducting surveys and utilizing various sampling techniques;
- Studying the economic impact of laws and regulations;
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge of micro economic and statistical data in area of specialization;
- May supervise and assign work to staff.

The Financial Economist performs other special projects and duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- University Degree in Economics, Finance, or relevant field; graduate degree preferred;
- Five (5) years of progressive experience as a Financial Economist or a related position;
- Advanced computer skills including proficiency with MS Office and databases;
- Knowledge of advanced techniques and concepts including:
 - soundly understanding economic markets and policies;
 - experience creating advanced micro economic models;
 - Creating, interpreting, and forecasting the trends of the market;
 - Analyzing collected data by using software, statistics, and mathematical models.
- Ability to develop variables and analytic approach in collaboration with project staff;
- Experience in interpreting and reporting results of analysis;
- Experience writing technical reports;
- Must be fluent in English (spoken and written); Fluency in French or an Indigenous Language an asset;
- Excellent communication and presentation skills with the ability to describe findings to a technical and non-technical audience;
- Experience collaborating and communicating with senior leaders in an organization;
- Experience working in teams with diverse skills and experiences;
- Must have an understanding, awareness and appreciation of Indigenous culture and history.

An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Competencies

Problem Solving/Analytical

- Creates, analyzes, and interprets the strategic direction of FMB, has a clear and firm understanding of the vision, mission, values, and objectives, uses that information to develop responsibilities, tasks, goals, and initiatives that align with long term plans and growth;
- Identifies information needed to clarify a situation by seeking information from appropriate sources and analyzing all possibilities to come up with an effective solution;
- Effectively manages multiple priorities and tackles issues using a logical, systematic, sequential approach.

Technical/Professional Expertise

- Keeps informed about current developments in their area of expertise;
- Prioritizes workload, effectively manages time, showing efficiency with resources available and monitoring progress;
- Identifies how you can use systems and technology to improve ways of working.

Communications

- The ability to express and transmit information with consistency and clarity, summarizing information according to the audience to promote engagement and increase understanding;
- Uses active listening techniques to effectively understand provided feedback.

Environmental Awareness

- Shows commitment to the organizational vision and strategic goals by acting in accordance to organizational expectations and through having a solid understanding of the internal environment.

Work Conditions

- This position can be based in West Vancouver, BC, Winnipeg, MB, Ottawa, ON or Montreal QC. Remote working may be considered;
- May require occasional national travel.