

Researcher

JOB DESCRIPTION

About Positive Money

Positive Money Europe is a think and do tank that works to reimagine our money and banking system for the benefit of all and our planet. We are part of a growing and collective force for economic systems change. We have been working in the UK since 2010, Brussels since 2019 and the US since 2021. Our mission is to reform money and banking to build a *fair, democratic* and *sustainable* economy. To achieve this we produce groundbreaking research and policy, penetrate the media, influence politicians, and inform and mobilise the public behind people-powered campaigns.

About the role

Since 2018 Positive Money Europe has been raising awareness of the power, injustices and impacts of our broken financial system - from inequality to climate change to unaffordable housing - and campaigning for and winning reform. Building and mobilising a grassroots movement is a central part of Positive Money's strategy for achieving lasting systemic change. We believe in empowering the public to demand a system that produces affordable homes for everyone, well-paid sustainable jobs and democratic public institutions that work for community wellbeing, instead of profits for banks and corporations.

In just a few years, Positive Money Europe has produced numerous high-impact research pieces that were cited by the ECB and National Central Banks as well as referred to in speeches by the Senior members of the ECB. From year-to-year our research output and external collaboration has been growing to include an influential community of NGOs, think tanks and academic institutions working in the field of finance, climate and European macroeconomics. In the coming years we want to grow and empower our research team by expanding our expertise and influence, growing our readership, reaching out to allies and colleagues in academic and central banking expert circles.

About you

As a Researcher in the Positive Money Europe team, you will be in charge of delivering an ambitious research agenda of ECB reforms, with a particular focus on the role of the European Central Bank for delivering a fair and greener economy. You will produce in-house research while also managing research projects with external partners. You will work closely with the policy team to produce policy briefings and provide the team with accurate facts and evidence, making sure our campaign messaging and proposals are rooted in rigorous analysis.

Accountabilities

Researcher will be supported and line managed by the Head of Research, and responsible for the delivery of Positive Money's research programme strategy as well as medium term research agenda.

Key responsibilities and main tasks

- Work with the Head of Research to deliver Positive Money Europe's research programme strategy accompanied by medium-term research agenda.
- Be accountable for the management and delivery of certain research projects from start to finish, including with external consultants or partners.
- Write research reports & briefings, blog posts on a range of money and banking reform topics, as well as other research outputs.
- Support Positive Money Europe's other programmes with providing research-based evidence and quick analysis of current events
- Represent Positive Money Europe externally – to a range of different audiences and stakeholders, including to our supporter and civil society network and within policy and academic communities.
- Collaborate with other members of the team to write funding proposals and reports when required.
- Monitor developments in EU institutions, banking industry and in Eurozone monetary policy and key Eurozone statistics.
- Ensure that the Positive Money's proposals remain relevant to external changes in the economy, policy, regulation, technology, and politics.
- Engage external researchers in our research agenda (including academics, central bankers, regulators and professionals within the financial sector).

Person Specification

Essential experience and skills

- Fluency in English (both written and spoken)
- At least two years of professional experience as a research assistant, researcher, economist, or policy officer
- A Masters Degree in social sciences with focus on economics, finance and banking, environmental studies, socio-economics
- Strong quantitative and analytical skills
- Excellent communication skills, especially the ability to write in a concise and persuasive style using formats appropriate to the audience
- Willingness and ability to provide commentary on policy developments, often under tight deadlines
- Strong knowledge of current Eurozone economic policy and political developments
- A passion for alternative thinking and problem solving
- High degree of initiative and attention to detail
- Proven project management skills

- Excellent interpersonal skills to work with external researchers

Desirable skills and experience:

- Experience in managing multi-stakeholder research projects
- Fluency in another language, especially German and Dutch

Values and behaviours:

- Commitment to a genuinely open minded approach to economics and economic policy and a keen interest in how changes to the structure of the banking system and monetary policy could help to address a wide range of economic, social, and environmental problems
- Be committed to our vision for a fair, democratic, and sustainable money system
- Enjoy working with a high level of autonomy, trust, and open-mindedness
- Be enthusiastic and determined about our mission while being pragmatic and organised in achieving it
- Be compassionate and able to communicate with self-awareness, respect, and honesty
- Be curious and open towards challenges, maintaining positivity and good vibes when working within the team
- Be part of the force that strives to create an environment where it is possible to grow personally and professionally

Our offer includes

The opportunity to join a vibrant research team, and play an important role in a small but growing organisation that has a real impact on the European money system debate, and that is part of a global network of system change actors.

Contract: The role is for an indeterminate contract (Belgian “contrat à durée indéterminée”) with a 6-month evaluation period.

Salary: €28 000 - 34 000 gross annual salary (full-time starting salary), depending on experience level. Automatic indexation of gross salary to cater for inflation.

Benefits: (pro rata if working less than full time hours)

- Pension scheme of 4.5% of gross annual salary
- Meal vouchers, which can be spent in supermarkets & most restaurants, of €161/month
- Transportation costs of €49/month
- Remote work from abroad scheme
- Flexible home office policy

Holidays: 5 extra legal holidays on top of the 20 statutory holidays for the first year of employment, 10 extra legal holidays for the second, and following, years of employment (pro rata if working less than full time hours).

Start date: as soon as possible

Hours: Full time (38 hours per week, 5 days). The post holder will be expected to work the occasional evening or weekend for time off in lieu.

Location: The role is based at Positive Money Europe's office at Rue Ducale 67, 1000, Brussels, but there is an ample opportunity to work from abroad.

How to Apply: Please download and fill out the [APPLICATION FORM](#) in full.

(If the form does not download by clicking on the link above, try right-clicking the link and "save as" or "save link as". Or you can copy and paste the following link in a new browser window:*

http://www.positivemoney.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Application-form_Researcher.docx

In case that doesn't work either, please get in touch - info@positivemoney.eu

Please email your completed application form to: info@positivemoney.eu

If you have any questions about the role or need any more information, please contact info@positivemoney.eu

Closing Date for applications: Monday 12 September 2022, 09.00 CET

Interviews will take place on: Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 September 2022.

Interviews can take place in our office or online if required.

A written test may be required to short-list candidates.

Start date: Ideally the successful candidate will be able to start by the **middle of October or 1 November, 2022**, but we know this may be subject to stringent notice periods.

Positive Money is committed to providing equal opportunities for everyone regardless of their background. We welcome applications from everyone irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, disability and ethnicity but, as minority ethnic people are currently under-represented within the Positive Money network, we would encourage applications from members of these groups.

Please note that Positive Money Europe can only accept applications from individuals with the right to work in the EU.