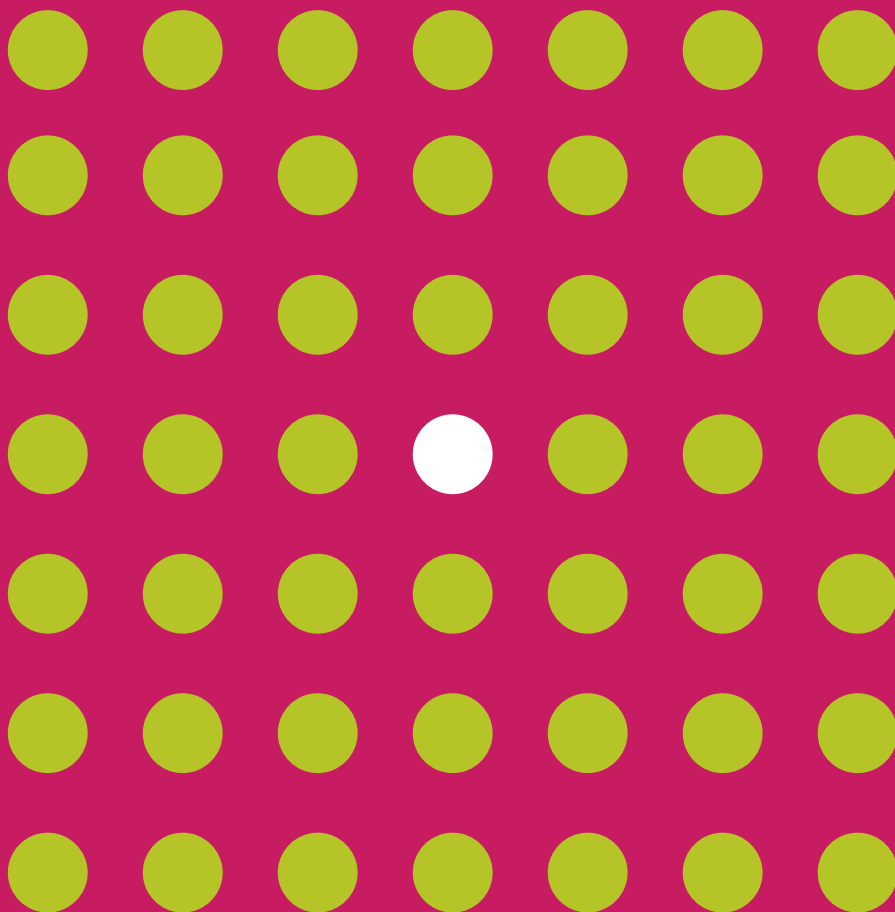




Office for
National Statistics

Graduate Economist Careers



**Our statistics are in
the media just about
every day and are used
across government
for policy making, the
evaluation of government
performance, and in
informing public debate.**



Why join us?

This is an exciting time to join the Office for National Statistics (ONS). We are expanding our professional community and looking to recruit graduate analysts. Join us in meeting the challenge of collecting, analysing and disseminating statistics about the UK's economy, society and population.

ONS is a stimulating place to work. We are the UK's largest independent producer of official statistics and the recognised National Statistical Institute.

As our statistics are used to challenge policy and are central to much of government economic policy, assessment and debate, you could be working closely with analysts in other government departments, such as HM Treasury and the Bank of England.

We are excited to add Darlington to our existing sites of Newport, Titchfield and London, as we invest in talent from across the whole of the UK.



Why be an Economist?

ONS is an exciting place for an economist to work, with the opportunity to apply economic theory to a range of practical issues.

Our economists are involved in a range of work streams around the production, development and dissemination of UK economic statistics.

This includes:

- helping to produce monthly, quarterly or annual economic statistics,
- monitoring those statistics and determining the economic “story” that is emerging
- appraising our economic statistics for coherence and relevance
- developing existing and new economic series to reflect the changing economy

You will be involved
in stimulating and
rewarding research and
analysis that ensures our
statistics are **world class**.

As we are often at the
forefront of producing
and developing **high**
quality statistics,
economists may have the
opportunity to represent
the **UK internationally**.

Benefits of working at ONS

As an employer we are dedicated to looking after the interests of our staff. As well as a competitive salary, you'll enjoy:

- career development and progression opportunities
- generous holiday allowance of 25 days annual leave plus public holidays
- good work-life balance including flexible working arrangements
- strong ethos of equality, diversity and well-being
- up to three days paid leave per year for voluntary opportunities
- maternity, paternity, adoption or shared parental leave
- Civil Service Pension
- use of onsite facilities including canteen and gym
- free onsite car parking in Newport and Titchfield
- cycle to work scheme



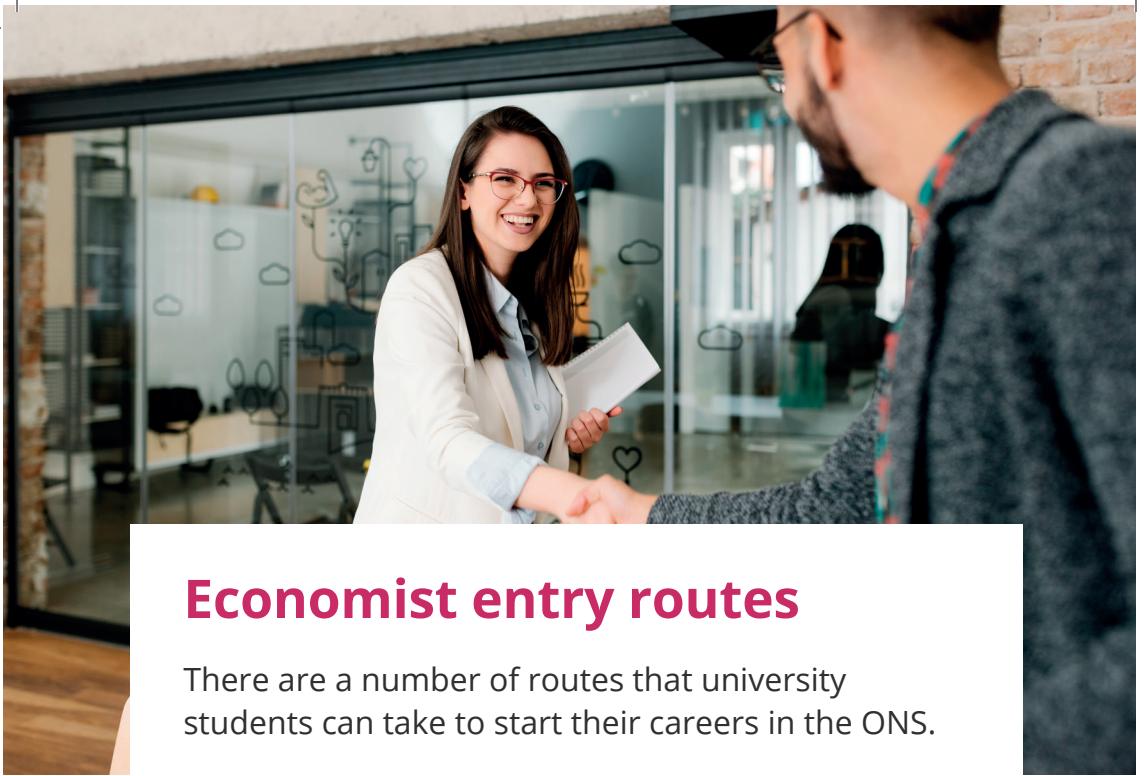
Learning and development

We are committed to developing the economic and statistical skills of our economists and have tailored a learning and development programme to meet economists' needs. This programme is recognised as "best in class" by the Government Economic Service (GES).

It includes:

- courses and training to develop your economic skills and knowledge
- support for part-time study for MSc or PHD qualifications
- weekly and monthly economic briefings and presentations
- quarterly policy debates and research seminars
- practical support for Economists applying for promotion
- IT training such as Python, R and Excel





Economist entry routes

There are a number of routes that university students can take to start their careers in the ONS.

Assistant Economist Scheme

ONS carries out regular recruitment for the Assistant Economist scheme. Candidates are required to sit a half day Economist Assessment Centre (EAC) evaluation and a generic competency interview in order to become a permanent member of the Government Economic Service (GES). Assistant Economists are recruited on a permanent contract and are expected to rotate to different roles in order to develop their skills. This recruitment would appeal to candidates who would like to become Economists without going through the Fast Stream process.

Economist posts are recruited via:
www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk

Government Economic Service — Fast Stream Assistant Economist

The Fast Stream is the Civil Service-wide development programme for individuals with the potential to become the future leaders of the Civil Service. This means that you can expect to become a Principal Economist within three to five years, at which point you should be aiming to reach the ranks of the Senior Civil Service.

As a typical Fast Streamer will move between posts every 12 to 18 months, to develop your skills and project experience. In each role you will join a team of experts, working together to produce a range of research to help shape decision making.

You can find out more about fast stream and the application process via: www.faststream.gov.uk

Eligibility

To apply, you'll need to be working towards or have completed one of the following:

- a minimum 2:1 honours degree in economics with at least 50% economics content
- a postgraduate degree in economics

If your first degree is not in economics or is a second class honours, your Masters will need to be in straight economics. You must have studied both macro and microeconomics.



Student Placement Schemes

Every year GES offers the chance for undergraduate students to work at the heart of Government through paid analytical placements. This is an exciting opportunity to gain professional and technical skills whilst working on some of the most interesting and pertinent problems currently facing the country.

GES provides either a three-month summer placement or a year-long placement.

You can find out more information on student placement schemes and eligibility criteria via:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-apply-for-a-government-economic-service-sandwich-student-placement



Since joining ONS as a Fast Stream Economist, I have worked in the Economic Advice and Analysis division. Working primarily in the Prices Analysis branch, I contribute to the economic commentary published alongside the monthly inflation data. The commentary offers economic context and additional analysis on the latest price trends. I'm also involved in a cross-divisional project with Digital Publishing to present an interactive analysis of price trends in the housing market. In addition, I have also had the opportunity to provide economist support and contribute to analysis on labour market, retail sales and purchases data. Recently I led on a longer-term analysis of earnings data which gathered interest from senior civil servants including the National Statistician.

With an emphasis on professional development, ONS offers courses, conferences and training projects, along with opportunities for networking with academics and economists in other Government departments. Since joining ONS, I have been fortunate to lead training courses, to present at the Royal Statistical Society and to sit as a keynote panellist at an interdisciplinary conference.



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To find out more information on what we do as an organisation you can visit our website: **www.ons.gov.uk**

If you would like to know more about joining us, contact the recruitment team: **ons.resourcing@ons.gov.uk**

Our graduate job vacancies are advertised via: **www.civilservicejobs.service.gov.uk** and on social media:

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