Summer 2021 Internships in Regulatory Economics

The Department of Economics at the University of Calgary is pleased to announce this call for applications for summer 2021. Students interested in pursuing summer employment opportunities in regulatory economics and industrial organization are invited to submit applications. The placements are typically full time for four months (May through August). Duties, remuneration, and length of placement are typically negotiated with the sponsoring firm/organization. Firms and organizations that have participated in this program include the Alberta Electric System Operator, Alliance Pipeline, the Analysis Group (Montreal), ATCO, Department of Energy (Alberta), Alberta's Market Surveillance Administrator (Electricity), Capital Power, Chymko Consulting, ENMAX, Enbridge, EPCOR, Kinder Morgan, the Canada Energy Regulator and its predecessor the National Energy Board, TransCanada Energy and TransCanada Pipelines, the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA), and Telus. Students are often able to leverage their internship into full time employment in regulatory economics. This is the 22nd year of the program.

Student Eligibility

Prior to starting an internship, students must complete Econ 471 (Industrial Organization) and Econ 477 (Regulatory Economics). Experience with Excel (Econ 311), accounting and finance (Econ 457), and Econ 571 (Competition Policy) are recommended. Students who have successfully completed the trio of industrial organization courses (471, 477, and 571) typically have considerable expertise and are particularly well qualified. Students must have finished at least three years of study, with a grade point average of at least 3.00 over their last 15 half courses. Typically, students are expected to have a grade point average of at least 3.00 in the industrial organization sequence as well (Econ 471, 477, and 571).
Application Process

Please submit electronically a letter of interest, resume, calculation of GPA (with details) over the last 15 half courses, and an unofficial transcript in a single pdf file to Professor Jeffrey Church at jrchurch@ucalgary.ca. In your cover letter you must indicate the following:

(i) confirmation that you are eligible to work off campus;
(ii) whether you intend to return to a post-secondary degree program in the fall of 2021 and the program;
(iii) whether you are willing to relocate for the summer (placements are typically in Calgary, but can also be elsewhere, including Edmonton, Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto, and Ottawa);
(iv) document your expertise in Excel;
(v) indicate if you are a Co-op student; and (vi) indicate your experience in energy and electricity, including employment experience, specialized program, and/or list of courses.

Please insure that the subject of your email includes “Summer Internship”. In addition, some placements also require that students simultaneously apply directly. As placements are confirmed, information on applying directly will be circulated.

Please follow the instructions. Failure to follow the instructions, for example by not providing the requested information or not providing it in the requested format, may disqualify your application.

Deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 22, 2021 at 16:00

About SIRE

The goal of SIRE is to match well qualified, capable, and interested economics students with appropriate firms and organizations that can provide relevant experience and were students can make meaningful contributions. The Department contacts potential sponsors to determine interest. Interested sponsors are then provided with the student applications and they determine whether there is a good match. The role of the Department is to make the hiring process more efficient by making the preliminary contacts with companies and organizations where students can make a contribution.