

OECD Career Seminar 2023 Tips & Points of the OECD internship application

In your cover letter, you should focus on writing about:

-In which policy area/field you are strong/interested?

--How familiar are you? How can you contribute?

*Sell them about yourself: WHY you are interested and eager to apply to the specific field, and HOW you can contribute based on your working experiences/studies/activities.

* The longer you are available for the internship, the more likely it is to attract the hiring team's attention.

<Application process>

1. Online application

2. Self-reported interview (You will receive some questions and you will have 60-90seconds to answer)

*Tips: Think of what kind of questions the OECD might want to ask; be ready to answer each of them.

3. Written test

*Tips: Check the library on the OECD website and do some research.

4. Online interview with potential manager(s) and/or colleague(s)

*Tips: They will ask about your motivation, check your potential (i.e., how you could contribute to their team, as well as your technical skills), and your knowledge of the policy area. Bring out your experiences and convince them with facts.

*Application process will take at least 2-3 months.

Notes:

-Internship will be done on-site/remotely considering your preferences. Working at the OECD Japan office is a choice: Takes 1-2 interns a year, working on PR in the Asian region, requires proficient Japanese language skill

-Although the OECD hires around 700 interns a year, there were over 12,000 applicants in 2022; it is very competitive, so be sure to write a perfect cover letter.

-During the screening process, they will check the applicants' language skills, technical skills, and other required skills. If the applicant does not meet the requirements, there will be less chance to have the documents read.