

Job Posting: Andrew Jackson progressive economics internship

The Alternative Federal Budget & Growing Gap Project

About the Alternative Federal Budget

The Alternative Federal Budget (AFB) is one of the CCPA's longest running projects. It consists of 25 chapters written by over 90 contributors. Each chapter examines a different federal issue and progressive policy prescription for each. All policy recommendations are fully costed and paid for within a larger macro-economic framework. The implications of AFB measures on the federal debt, deficit and employment are also determined.

About the Growing Gap Project

Canada's income gap between the rich and the rest of us used to narrow during good economic times and widen during recessions. That trend has shifted, as more Canadian households find they're working longer and harder just to keep financially afloat. Many are falling behind.

The growing gap team will continue to track the changing nature of Canada's economy, work and income trends, and policies that help or worsen the problem of income and wealth inequality. The research to date has been clear: Governments have a strong role to play in implementing policies that help keep a lid on growing inequality, to make sure Canada's economy works for everyone, not just a privileged few.

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David Macdonald, Senior Economist, will be the primary supervisor for this position.

Job Responsibilities

The Intern will:

- Research and review relevant academic and policy literature concerning income inequality in Canada;
- Organize meetings with various AFB writers and contributors;
- Review individual AFB chapters and the macro-economic framework;
- Assist with other data analysis and report writing, as required. Some of this will be generic research assistance to David Macdonald.



Skills and Experience Required

The successful candidate will be:

- An upper-level undergraduate or graduate student (recent graduates will also be considered);
- Have an interest in progressive policy in Canada;
- Able to use excel spreadsheets at a high level;
- Familiar with Canadian data sources, Statistics Canada, Bank of Canada, etc;
- An excellent writer who is able to synthesize complex ideas and translate academic concepts for a wider audience;
- An excellent organizer who is able to maintain 90 people on a tight writing and review schedule.
- Knowledgeable with statistical programs (spss, sas, stata, etc) would be an asset;

Contract Details

The contract begins September 6th, 2016 and ends on approximately December 16th, 2016. The position will require two full days (16 hours) a week, though the scheduling and distribution of hours may vary from week to week according to the needs of the project (and will be determined between the intern and the supervisor). The intern will be responsible for tracking and managing work hours in conjunction with the project. The contract will require the intern to work at the Ottawa CCPA office **in person in Ottawa**. The intern will be provided with a workstation at the Ottawa office.

The internship will **pay \$4600** for the fall semester (Sept – Dec) for 256 hours. This includes pay in lieu of vacation.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives is committed to employment equity, and we welcome applications from historically disadvantaged groups.

To apply:

Submit a cover letter, CV, and at least three references (names and phone numbers only, no need for reference letters) by **9AM ET, Wednesday, July 20th, 2016**:

- **By email** to employment@policyalternatives.ca -- please send PDFs only and put **“progressive economics internship”** in the subject line
- **By fax** to 613-233-1458.
- **By mail** or in person, 251 Bank Street, Fifth floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1X3.

Only those selected will be contacted and proceed to the following steps:

A writing test will take place on **July 27th, 2016**

Interviews will be conducted **August 2nd, 2016 through August 4th, 2016**