

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Research Analyst China (temporary contract: 9 or 12 months)

Job Description

*The Ellen MacArthur Foundation has an opportunity for an exceptional individual to join its Insight and Analysis team **based in China** to contribute to a major project exploring the circular economy opportunities in China.*

The successful candidate will have a strong research and analytical background, and the ability to communicate effectively with individuals at various management levels, across a variety of business functions, industries and geographies.

What we do:

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation is a charity with the mission to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. The Foundation works across four interlinking areas:

- Education – inspiring a generation to re-think the future
- Business and Government – catalysing circular innovation across the economy
- Insight and Analysis – providing robust evidence about the benefits of the transition
- Communications - sharing informative content and stimulating dialogue around the circular economy framework

Background to China project:

In the past the Foundation has explored the circular economy from a number of different perspectives, including materials (e.g. plastics), products (e.g. fast moving consumer goods) and geographies (mainly Europe). Recently we have expanded the application of the concept to emerging economies, setting up an office in Brazil and undertaking a 9-month study of the potential in India. Now we have secured funding to undertake a research project in China.

The study will scope the opportunity of applying a circular economy framework to the Chinese market with a particular focus on cities. The Foundation will lead the project from the Isle of Wight / UK, supported by a core team comprising an economic modeling and urban planning knowledge partner.

Key parts of the project include:

- Creating a vision for a circular economy in China's cities
- Quantifying the economic, social and environmental benefits
- Creating a road map for ongoing initiatives
- Establishing a strong local stakeholder network
- Developing inspiring multi-lingual communication tools

Role & Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will take part in delivering the China project through the following activities:

- Synthesizing desk, interview and workshop derived research
- Development of opportunity frameworks and circular economy levers
- Development of modeling approaches and support in calibrating macroeconomic models
- Identifying and collecting data sets for the economic models
- Analysing current economic and policy landscape, and identifying barriers to circular economy transition
- Liaising and relationship building with local institutional stakeholders
- Advising on questions around local context
- Managing discrete packages of work within overall project
- Report writing and contributions to other communication tools

Person specification

- Very strong academic record and high level qualifications in economics, mathematics, engineering, political science or other relevant discipline, plus relevant business experience.
- Experience in macroeconomic modeling
- The intellectual capacity and analytical skills to understand the principles of the circular economy and to apply them to different areas
- Intellectual curiosity, a creative and innovative mindset
- Strong communication skills: the ability to write engaging documents, to interact effectively at all levels of an organisation and to contribute proactively to problem solving in meetings and workshops



- The motivation to achieve stretching goals, a strong team bias and the ability to work independently
- Recent experience within a Management Consultancy (or similar) firm
- Fluent in written and spoken Chinese and English
- Willingness to travel

If *you* would like the opportunity to work in a dynamic, committed and creative team, relish the freedom to create and shape the detail of a new role and, are keen to play a part in the evolution of the circular economy,

....please apply with CV, covering letter and salary expectation to Barbara Calland (barbara@ellenmacarthurfoundation.org)

Desired starting date: As soon as possible

Salary package: Competitive dependent on experience

If you would like to learn more about the Ellen MacArthur Foundation or the circular economy, please visit www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org