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Chief Economist of the Icelandic Competition Authority

The Icelandic Competition Authority (ICA) invites applications for the position of Chief Economist.

The Chief Economist is responsible for economic research and analysis at the ICA and ensures that the methods used are of high quality and grounded in sound economic principles. To this end, the Chief Economist contributes to the development and advancement of economic expertise within the Authority and provides professional guidance to economists.

The Chief Economist is an active participant in the prioritization of cases, overseeing of investigations and decision-making. It is also the role of the Chief Economist to cooperate with the academic community, both domestically and internationally, and participate in international cooperation, including within the EEA/EU, OECD, and with Nordic Competition Authorities.

Requirements

- Master's degree or PhD in economics in fields relevant to competition enforcement and advocacy.
- Excellent knowledge of economic methods relevant to competition enforcement and market analysis.
- Knowledge of the legal framework in which competition authorities operate is an advantage.
- Leadership skills and the ability to lead the professional work of economists.
- Initiative, critical thinking and precise working methods.
- Communications skills, both written and oral, and abilities to participate in international cooperation.

Permanent residence in Reykjavík capital area or Iceland is not a requirement. Icelandic language skills are an advantage, but not a requirement.

The recruitment process

An evaluation committee will advise the ICA on further evaluation criteria and provide an opinion on the qualifications of the applicants.

Start of work is subject to a mutual agreement. The application deadline is 31 March 2026. All applicants will receive a response after the recruitment process has been completed.

An application must be accompanied by a resume and cover letter. Applications can be sent directly to samkeppni@samkeppni.is or entered at www.starfatorg.is

For further information about the position, please contact Páll Gunnar Pálsson, pall@samkeppni.is and Karítas Margrét Jónsdóttir, karitas@samkeppni.is.



About the Competition Authority

The ICA monitors competition in the country's ever-changing business environment. The Authority enforces competition law, addresses other competition restrictions, facilitates the entry of new competitors to the market and advocates for vigorous competition.

In addition to enforcing the Icelandic competition rules, the ICA is also responsible for the application of the competition rules of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA-Agreement), mainly the prohibition rules on collusion (article 53 of the Agreement) and abuse of a dominant position (article 54). The Icelandic prohibition rules and merger rules are identical to the EEA-rules, allowing for the application of EU/EEA-law precedents. The ICA is also empowered with a market investigation regime.

The ICA employs a diverse and enthusiastic group of experts who has an extensive experience in competition enforcement and advocacy. The Authority emphasizes on providing employees with opportunities to work on exciting projects, develop professionally, and maintain a healthy work-life balance

Further information about the Competition Authority can be found at www.samkeppni.is (google translation).

The position is a full time job, unless otherwise agreed. Salaries are in accordance with the collective agreement between the Ministry of Finance and the relevant trade union, or as otherwise agreed.

The Competition Authority reserves the right to hire on the basis of the advertisement for the next six months after its publication, cf. rules on advertisements for vacant positions no. 1000/2019. Recruitment at the Competition Authority is based on the agency's equal opportunities policy.