



Research Associate – Sustainability

The INSEAD Sustainability Initiative

As the 21st century progresses, a different sense of sustainability has evolved. Environmental issues are increasingly a part of everyday business for leaders, challenging them to make sustainability an integral part of their business model. Faculty and researchers across INSEAD study the role of environmental and social issues in the wealth-creation process by developing cutting-edge research, with the aim of establishing links between the micro level of analysis (companies), the meso level (industries, consumers, regulators) and the macro level (societies).

In order to be truly sustainable, corporations and entire industrial sectors need to lower both economic and environmental costs simultaneously, while increasing consumer value and the overall benefits to society. In small research teams, we analyze such problems, gather data, perform analyses, and present and/or implement results. We are specialized in following key areas:

- Sustainable Production and Consumption
- Sustainable Operations and Strategies
- Closed Loop Supply Chains
- Circular economy
- Environment & Waste
- Innovative Business Models using Modern Technologies

Role description

As a research associate, you will participate in research projects on real and urgent challenges in sustainable supply chains. In small research teams, you will closely collaborate with faculty members involved in high-quality research, and you will cooperate with companies and organizations to analyse their problems, gather data, perform the analyses, and present and/or implement results. Projects may offer the opportunity of company visits and/or field trips to conduct research “on the ground” as well.

The position provides a unique opportunity to work with a team of passionate experts at one of the most renowned business schools in the world, to start a career in the industry, and/or to pursue a career in academics or consulting.

Requirements

- Master in operations management, supply chain management, logistics, operations research, econometrics, industrial engineering or a similar degree preferred
- Fluency in written and oral English
- Excellent analytical skills
- Knowledge of an analytics software package like Matlab or R is preferred
- Knowledge of qualitative research techniques is a plus
- Ability to work independently and in small teams
- Excellent work ethic
- Excellent organizational and oral/written communication skills

Preferred Start Date

As soon as possible

Conditions

One-year contract. Renewable

About INSEAD

The INSEAD School of Business is consistently ranked among the leading business schools in the world. It has strong research and education programmes in many domains of business. Its MBA programme is ranked first globally by the Financial Times in both 2016 and 2017. INSEAD also ranks number 1 in terms of the number of CEOs of Europe's biggest companies “delivered”.

INSEAD Europe Campus is located in Fontainebleau, 55 kilometres southeast of the centre of Paris. The campus resides on the edge of the renowned Forest of Fontainebleau and is just a stone's throw away from the historic town centre and the “Château de Fontainebleau”. It lies within easy reach of all major airports and rail systems connecting Paris with the rest of the world.

Applications

Please send your CV, list of grades, a cover letter describing your interest in this position, and a sample writing (e.g., your MSc thesis or an essay) to stef.lemmens@insead.edu. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.