



Looking for Economists / Research Analysts – Master level

The Finance for Development Lab is an independent think-tank focused on development finance. Based in Paris, it is hosted by the policy institute CEPREMAP at the Paris School of Economics. Launched in June 2022, it aims at making finance for development more equitable, by working with a wide range of stakeholders: think-tanks (especially from the Global South), officials from a diverse set of countries, academia, international financial institutions and the private sector. Current projects focus on sovereign debt restructuring frameworks, the evolving role of multilateral development banks, reform of climate finance, etc. The Lab enjoys particularly strong connections with the ecosystem around sovereign debt and development finance topics. We organized #DebtCon7 in May 2024, and will continue to be a leader in policy-relevant research on development finance. The Lab is funded by philanthropic foundations.

The Lab is growing. We are looking for candidates with quantitative backgrounds and strong analytical capabilities to engage in cutting-edge research and policy projects. Our work is in applied policy questions, but based on strong technical foundations. We are looking for research analysts with a Master's in economics, political science, finance or other related fields. We have a strong emphasis on empirical work, from data analysis, data visualization, and modelling. We are also looking for post-master students with some practical experience on sovereign debt and debt restructuring, through governments, multilateral institutions, credit rating agencies or sovereign advisories.

The Lab's work is structured around three research pillars: improving development financing and public debt architecture for developing countries; optimizing development finance institutions; and rules and norms governing private finance for sustainable development. Your role will be to support research in one or more of these areas with background literature reviews, identifying and analyzing data (e.g. from the IMF, the World Bank, Refinitiv), draft papers and help organize conferences and webinars.

We are looking for purpose-driven, self-starting and collaborative candidates with a passion for development finance and sovereign debt in developing countries. You should have a strong background in international economics and development, or a background in finance with some knowledge of development finance, bond markets, etc. Some experience on sovereign debt (Paris Club, sovereign advisory, international institutions) would be a plus. Ability to program in R is a strong plus.

Some positions will be open as soon as possible, others will be for a start date around the summer or the fall.

A one-year, extendable, contract under French law (CDD) would be offered, with competitive compensation.

Requirements

- Master in Economics/Political Science/Finance with a strong quantitative background.
- Some experience in policy/private sector preferred, but not mandatory. We will adapt the role, management responsibilities and compensation to experience.
- Previous writing on research/policy work on development finance and ability to translate research into clear policy writing, including policy briefs and op-eds
- Modelling/data analysis and data visualisation skills

You should apply until June 1st, 2025. Please provide your resume, a cover email, two references, and a sample of your work (Master's thesis, or a piece written during your studies, etc.)

You can express your interest at jobs@findevlab.org