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**Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)**  
**Economist Development Program (ESDP)**

Permanent Positions in the ES (Economist) Development Program. The program is designed to develop individuals from the ES-02 entry level to ES-04 working level, in order to prepare them for senior positions at AAFC. Employees will gain practical experience and develop their skills through varied work assignments and learning and development opportunities.

**POSITIONS:** Various economist positions\*

**LOCATIONS:** Various - Across Canada

\*positions are primarily at the entry level, which is the ES-02 group and level (however all qualifications are the same for the ES-02, ES-03 and ES-04 group and levels but are differentiated by breadth and depth of the qualification - should a candidate clearly demonstrate wider breadth and depth in the qualifications they would be considered for a higher level position).

**REQUIREMENTS**

**EDUCATION:**

People who have graduated (or who will have graduated by Summer 2005) with a degree from a recognized university with acceptable specialization\* in economics, sociology, or statistics.

**\*Note:**

Candidates must always have a university degree. The courses for the specialization do not necessarily have to be part of a degree program in the required specialization. The specialization may also be obtained through an acceptable combination of education, training and/or experience. AAFC has established the minimum course requirement is the equivalent of five full year courses in economics, sociology or statistics or a combination of five full year or ten half year courses in the three disciplines.

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:**

English Essential or French Essential

**CONDITIONS of EMPLOYMENT:**

Enhance Reliability Check  
Travel may be required

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**EXPERIENCE:** (can be acquired through education and/or work related experiences)

Experience performing quantitative and/or qualitative research and/or analysis, or experience conducting policy and program evaluation.

Experience reporting and presenting research or analysis findings.

Experience participating on projects and/or working groups.

**KNOWLEDGE:**

Of one of the following:

- economic theory and quantitative methods, and the appropriate software tools to carry out economic or market research
- strategic planning methodologies
- socio-economic and research methodologies
- trade and international policy issues
- program evaluation

And:

- major public policy issues related to the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector

**ABILITIES:**

Analytical Thinking

Interactive Communication

Writing Skills

Project Management

Strategic Thinking

**PERSONAL SUITABILITY:**

Teamwork

Initiative

Adaptability

Creativity and Innovation

Judgement