



Professional Standards Steering Group Economist member – approx. 20 days per annum

RICS' Standards and Regulation Board (SRB) established a new Professional Standards Steering Group ('the Steering Group') in December 2023. Following successful recruitment of four members to join the Steering Group, we are further seeking applications globally from candidates with an Economist background and expertise.

The Steering Group, reporting to the SRB, is primarily responsible for reviewing, monitoring and scrutinising RICS Professional Standards to ensure they uphold the public interest and making recommendations for approval or otherwise, to the SRB and other RICS governance bodies.

It is composed of five members with the following expertise; UK qualified barrister; Accountant; Consumer advocate; Appropriate and relevant professional regulatory experience; and **we are seeking an Economist member to join the Steering Group.**

Chaired by Richard Waterhouse FRICS, the Steering Group will operate for up to 18 months and will provide recommendations to the SRB on more permanent governance arrangements.

The Steering Group is accountable to the SRB. The SRB is a global Board responsible for overseeing and upholding the profession's standards through a global assurance and enforcement regime, providing independent oversight and a public-interest perspective across RICS' standard setting and regulatory functions. You can see the full **PSSG terms of reference** here.

The Role

We are seeking to appoint an independent Economist member to join the Steering Group.

The Candidate

Successful candidates will be individuals of the utmost integrity, who are able to work impartially and collaboratively, build positive relationships quickly with RICS staff, board and committee members and other stakeholders. The candidate must be independent (i.e. not a member of RICS).



It is essential that successful candidates demonstrate:

- experience, understanding and commitment to equality, diversity and inclusivity;
- relevant experience in reviewing and scrutinising standards, rules or legislation;
- excellent communication skills with a range of stakeholders.

Ideally the successful candidate will also be able to demonstrate experience of making decisions in the public interest and experience of working within a regulatory setting. Experience as a member of a board would be an advantage.

With a diverse membership from around the world, RICS encourages applications from candidates with a diverse background, people from an ethnic minority, people with disabilities and other underrepresented groups. Applications are invited globally.

For further information about the role, and the essential and desirable criteria, please see the **Role Description**.

Time commitment and duration of appointment

The initial term of appointment for this role will be up to 18 months, subject to any extension by the SRB. The annual time commitment is anticipated to be approximately 20 days.

For all RICS non-executive appointments, there may be no more than two successive three-year terms of appointment, totaling a maximum of six years combined for all appointments.

Key information:

- A remote first role, with occasional meetings held either in Birmingham and/or London
- Remunerated on a Day Rate
- You will be eligible to claim reasonable travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the current RICS policy.
- The role is not pensionable
- Closing date for applications is 17:00 (BST) on Monday 26 February 2024
- 2 stage process including shortlisting of applications, followed by a panel interview
- The successful candidate will receive an online induction session



- Everyone who replies will receive a response by no later than Monday 4 March 2024

The Application Process

Please send by no later than **17:00 (BST) on Friday 1 March 2024** the following documents to srbvacancies@rics.org:

- **Your supporting statement** (maximum two pages) to include why you are interested in the role, evidence of how you meet the essential and/or desirable criteria for the role outlined in the role specification, and any additional information that may support your application;
- **Your up-to-date CV should detail any relevant professional body membership details** (i.e., regulated profession membership status and number);
- **Details of two professional referees**; referees will only be contacted for short-listed candidates successful at interview;
- **Diversity and Inclusivity Monitoring Form** [to be linked]

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