

2027 Economist Internship Programme

Recruitment has opened for the 2027 Economist Internship Programme at the **Bureau for Economic Research (BER)** at Stellenbosch University. The programme is in conjunction with the **South African Reserve Bank (SARB)**.

Objective

The **primary objective** of the programme is to provide practical training to appropriately qualified graduates so that they can function as economists in the private and/or public sector. The successful candidate(s) will work alongside BER economists for a year to gain experience in all aspects of business-orientated macroeconomic analysis. For those who qualify, a dedicated "data science for economics" path is a possibility.

Criteria

All candidates should meet the following criteria:

- **Be a South African citizen**
- **Hold an Honours or Masters degree in Economics (by January 2027) with macro-economics as a subject at post-graduate level**
- **Be fluent in English**
- **Possess excellent communication and writing skills**

For those interested in the Data Science-specific part of the Economist internship:

- **Quantitative/programming subjects and/or github profiles are a requirement**

Shortlisted candidates will undergo psychometric assessments, an appropriate reference check and security clearance as part of the selection process. Suitable candidates will be selected based on the SARB's commitment to diversify its workforce.

Employment Opportunity

The successful candidate(s) will be **full-time employed by the SARB** and will spend their first year in training at the BER in Stellenbosch (from January 2027 to December 2027). Candidates will receive a competitive salary during the training year.

Application details

Candidates must apply online by 30 June 2026 (9am)

Interviews will take place in July and August.

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