

Balanced Economy Project: Competition Fellow / Associate

1 day / week, pro bono or paid – subject to funding



About the Balanced Economy Project

The Balanced Economy Project is a new non-partisan, non-profit anti-monopoly organisation dedicated to offering a hub for competition law expertise and thought leadership, and building a broader anti-monopoly movement outside the United States. We are setting up a cross-border network of experts and activists to drive forward a new narrative about re-balancing our economies and tackling excessive concentrations of corporate power.

Job Description

We are looking for an expert in Competition Law and Policy to help support our mission to radically rebalance power across the economy using the tools of competition law and policy, as well as wider anti-monopoly tools.

You will be joining the organisation in an exciting startup phase, and your input will be valued in helping shape our strategy for the long term.

You will use your expertise in Competition law and Policy to pursue research in areas of mutual interest, review content (reports, blogs, editions of the regular newsletter – The Counterbalance) and provide research support. You will be a sounding board for ideas from the team. You will have the opportunity to produce your own original work which, if aligned with our mission, can be co-branded with us.

You will be supporting world-renowned financial journalist, best-selling author and global campaigner Nick Shaxson in helping develop a new narrative about corporate power, in partnership with others, to help kick-start a new global anti-monopoly movement. You will be supporting Nick during the parental leave of Michelle Meagher (competition lawyer and co-founder) and beyond, and also will be working with a part-time Network Co-ordinator (being advertised separately).

This role is remote / work from home, although there may be opportunities to meet with colleagues in London, Berlin or Amsterdam.

This position will initially be pro bono, convertible to a paid contract or employment position subject to funding, which we are currently seeking. We are open to short-term engagements or more informal arrangements during the pro bono phase.

*Note: We are also seeking a **Network Coordinator** for 2 days per week (paid), which we are advertising separately. We would be open to applicants who want to apply for both roles together: if so, please specify this in your application and outline how you can fulfil both roles. (Please also specify if you cannot commit until we have funding for the role.)*

Key Activities

- Proposing and conducting research into specific areas, possible creation of original content.
- Reviewing reports, blogs, newspaper op-eds and editions of our newsletter, The Counterbalance, and potentially those of others in our network.
- Providing legal/economic research support on competition law and policy issues.
- Joining meetings / sharing expert advice with partners and stakeholders (NGOs, journalists, Senior Advisors, civil society partners) to explore competition law / policy issues.
- Representing Balanced Economy Project at external events.
- Sounding board for content and strategy ideas.

Key Requirements

- Must have a demonstrated knowledge of competition law / economics and policy (e.g. university degree, practitioner experience or previous policy work). Must be familiar with the US anti-monopoly movement and New Antitrust thinking. Technical knowledge of EU competition law and institutions is desirable, alongside awareness of current developments, but we also encourage applicants from outside the EU.
- We encourage early- and mid-career applicants as well as more senior experts.
- Strong alignment with the anti-monopoly positioning of the Balanced Economy Project is essential (please see previous editions of The Counterbalance newsletter for a sense of our position). We do not expect any candidate to agree with everything we say – indeed we encourage challenge, debate and pushback – but a willingness to engage with new and radical ideas is essential.
- You must be comfortable with remote working and working alongside other colleagues in a start-up environment.
- Excellent command of English as a working language is essential.

We Offer

- An exciting opportunity to join an organisation at the forefront of a new movement with ambitions to radically rebalance power across the economy, worldwide.
- The opportunity to help shape a new organisation.
- An informal, family-friendly working environment within a small organisation.
- The possibility of working remotely.
- A flexible pro bono position, convertible to a paid contract subject to funding (at a day rate dependent on the candidate's level of experience.)

Interested?

Please email your letter of interest and CV, and please feel free to include a brief supporting sample of your research or outputs (in English) if you think this would support your application. Please send to: Michelle Meagher, Co-Founder, Balanced Economy Project, balanced.economy.jobs@gmail.com

Please apply by April 13th, 2022. The start date for this position is flexible, but ideally it would start on August 1, 2022.