



# *Job Description*

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## RESEARCH STRATEGIST

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### **JOB SUMMARY**

The incumbent is expected to provide and facilitate the conduct of Research in support of Trinidad and Tobago's external trade negotiations, and the administration of domestic Trade, Industrial, and Services policies.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Undertakes research, planning and evaluation exercises relative to achieving the overall trade, business and investment objectives of MTI.
- Prepares comprehensive analytical and evaluative reports and findings.
- Advises on the potential impact of existing trade agreements on the ability of local firms to compete in the liberalized global economy.
- Examines the various conditions and regulations which will determine Trinidad and Tobago's compliance with various trade agreements in order to recommend re-negotiation of those text where feasible.
- Provides statistical data on potential markets.
- Collects data on trends from domestic foreign agencies/institutions.
- Liaises and collaborates with other Research Units in Government Ministries and Departments, quasi government bodies and private organizations.
- Develops and tracks MTI's performance indicators.
- Undertakes market intelligence activities.
- Ensures the maintenance of a system of safe-keeping of research records and data.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Must be results oriented and self motivated.
- In possession of strong analytical skills.
- Able to compile, correlate and analyse data, and represent statistical findings and conclusions in appropriate tabular, graphic and written form.
- Ability to work well in a team.
- Experience in econometric modeling.
- Knowledge of survey methodology.
- Awareness of monitoring and evaluation techniques.

### **MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

- A Masters Degree from a recognized university in Economics with specialization in statistics/econometrics
- Evidence of specialized training in undertaking research.
- A minimum of 3 – 5 years working experience in a research and planning environment.
- Working knowledge of relevant computer software applications and statistical packages.
- Working knowledge of Spanish will be an asset.
- Familiarity with the issues in international trade, business development and investment.