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Department for International Trade **A global team: building success for the UK**

The Department for International Trade (DIT) is looking for highly motivated professionals

About DIT

As an international economic department, DIT plays a central role in delivering the country's prosperity – helping businesses export, increasing inward and outward investment, negotiating market access and trade deals, and championing free trade.

DIT's work promotes British trade across the world and ensures that the UK takes advantage of the huge opportunities open to us. With a worldwide presence in over 100 countries, DIT is at the heart of developing, coordinating and delivering new trade and investment policy to promote UK business across the globe.

The work of the Department has never been more crucial. For the first time in over 40 years, the UK will have an independent trade policy which we can use to take advantage of a changing and growing world beyond the European continent, complementing our trade and investment promotion activities. In the words of the Government's Industrial Strategy, the decision to leave the EU was not a decision to retreat from the world, but to embrace it – to trade more, not less.

The Department for International Trade enables the UK to trade its way to prosperity, stability and security, by helping businesses export, driving inward and outward investment, opening up markets and championing free trade.

The Department also has oversight of DIT's Defence and Security Organisation and UK Export Finance, the UK's export credit agency.

To deliver an outward-looking trade diplomacy strategy, the Department's priorities are:

- To promote UK exports of goods and services, to support a growing economy that creates wealth for all, supports jobs and meets our wider national interests;
- To deliver the best international trading framework for the UK outside the EU, including through building our capacity to negotiate and administer a national trade policy;
- To maximise opportunities for wealth creation through supporting Foreign Direct Investment, with a renewed focus on outward FDI (overseas direct investment);
- Through UK Export Finance, to ensure that no viable UK export fails for lack of finance and insurance.

Key directorates for inward secondees to DIT are:

Global Trade and Investment (GTI)

GTI works with teams across the UK and our international networks to:

- Find and create demand for British goods, services and inward investment opportunities;
- Find and create a supply of export-ready UK business or inward investment opportunities to fulfil that demand;
- Support UK businesses to export.

GTI Industry Sectors

Teams manage the Department's overseas network and industry sectors and operate according to the high value campaign (HVC) model.

They aim to grow the value of UK exports and inward investment by targeting their support to areas where it will have the greatest impact. By joining together government departments, stakeholders and industry, their aim is to turn HVCs into exports from UK companies and inward investment for the UK.

HVCs:

- Support businesses operating in markets where government-to-government collaboration is a requirement of trade;
- Drive inward investment by delivering tailored support to foreign companies who are seeking to grow their presence in the UK market

Trade Policy Group (TPG)

TPG develops and delivers the UK's new independent trade policy, which will be implemented when the UK leaves EU. Teams cover the full range of trade policy-making and operational responsibilities including policy development, stakeholder engagement, negotiation, communications and programme management.

The Trade Policy Group leads the cross-government work in preparing to negotiate new trade deals with other countries when the UK leaves the EU.

Further Information

For further information about the Department for International Trade please visit [here](#). For latest activities, and the impact DIT is delivering, please visit [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Why join DIT?

This is a very exciting time to join DIT. The Department offers individuals opportunities to develop their expertise working in a political environment, with exposure to senior leaders and government at the highest levels, developing relationships across Whitehall and industry in the UK and overseas.

As a secondee, you will have access to:

- Mentoring, learning and development opportunities;
- An intellectually stimulating opportunity at the centre of government;
- A strong existing secondee cohort – the Department is well practised in allowing specialist colleagues make best use of their expertise;
- Opportunities to bring your individual expertise into DIT, and be exposed to the most exciting challenges and opportunities currently facing government.

Application Process

- Following review of the relevant information, please submit the following:
 - Your CV, setting out your career history, key responsibilities and achievements;
 - A short accompanying note providing details of your proposed release from your current employer;
 - Equalities Monitoring Form (downloadable via the WIG [website](#))
- Documentation can either be submitted via the WIG [website](#) or by email to Patrick Reihill, Head of Talent via talent@wig.co.uk
- If you have any questions about this opportunity, or would value a confidential discussion, please contact Patrick Reihill, Head of Talent via talent@wig.co.uk or on 0207 222 1166
- The deadline for applications is **Midday, Monday 21 October 2019**.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to embark on further conversations with relevant hiring managers
- Further information relating to DExEU and DIT, the policy Directorates and the roles are available in the accompanying documentation, downloadable via the WIG [website](#)