1. About Pro Bono Economics

Pro Bono Economics helps charities and social enterprises to understand and improve their impact and value. As our name suggests we do this by matching skilled volunteer economists, social researchers and statisticians with charities who want to understand how they could work better and achieve more. Since we were established in 2009, we have worked with over 300 charities across the sector supporting them with:

- Advice on the design of evaluation frameworks to assess their economic impact
- Analysis of the economic impact of interventions (e.g. measures to increase employment amongst young adults)
- Research to support advocacy and campaigns

We have provided skilled volunteering opportunities for volunteers from the public and private sectors and academia. Momentum is strong and the pool of volunteers has never been bigger, with a strong pipeline of exciting projects.

Julia Grant joined as Chief Executive in May 2016 and has worked with the PBE Board to craft an ambitious strategy with promotion of wellbeing at the core. The strategy combines an increase in the volume and scope of the support PBE offers to individual charities, and developing PBE’s voice across the charitable sector on policy issues, seeking to be an opinion leader in the interface between our core discipline of economics and the key issues affecting wellbeing including education, employability, mental health and complex needs.

Pro Bono Economics Mission:

To help charities understand and improve their impact and their value, harnessing the tools
and insights from economics and the power of experts to improve both policy and practice, so that PBE and its client charities can contribute to improved wellbeing.

**Pro Bono Economics Strategy:**

Pro Bono Economics strategy is to leverage the knowledge and experience from individual studies with client charities to influence and improve wider policy and practice in the charity sector with a particular focus on wellbeing.

To achieve this, PBE’s current strategy is to focus four pillars which support wellbeing; education, employability, mental health and resilience and complex needs. This focus will enable PBE to leverage greater impact from its work and also provide improved opportunities for collaboration and partnership with others working in this space.

PBE will make a distinctive contribution in each of these pillars, by harnessing the distinctive contribution which economics can make in changing behaviour and better resource allocation.

### 2. Advert / Service Specification

Pro Bono Economics is at an important and exciting stage in development, undertaking a transition in the scale and scope of PBE services. A Chief Economist has been recently hired and will work closely with the CEO and Director of Services (DOS) to enhance and apply knowledge of economics within the organisation and with our client charities and wider stakeholder group.

We are seeking to attract a statistician to our panel of associates who will work with us on a consultancy basis to provide specific statistical input to support project and non-project work as required, including:

- Statistical analysis of data.
- Advice on sources of/interpretation of data.
- Sampling methodology.
- Providing practical guidance on data collection methods.
- Design of surveys.
- Providing practical advice on how to present and display quantitative evidence and analysis in a variety of formats.
- Extracting the learning from individual projects to support PBE’s broader aims.

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced statistician to apply their knowledge and expertise to a range of interesting projects in the third sector. This position is well suited for an academic looking to apply their expertise in our sector, or to a seasoned professional statistician in a consultancy or government body.

### 3. Fee/contract

**Terms of contract** – Service agreement (start date as per contract will be let from April 2018)

**Client Location** – Pro Bono Economics Office, London SE1 6FE. Occasional travel may be required to charity or volunteer offices.

**Client Relationship** - Director of Services

**Time Commitment** – for discussion, estimated 20-30 days per year.

**Day Rate** – £250 per diem, invoiced on completion of agreed milestones.
4. How to Apply

Please apply by CV and cover letter, ensuring that you meet the criteria set out in the person specification. You should also include your contact details and details for two references.

You should email your application by 6th April to hr@probonoeconomics.com.

5. Person Specification

The successful candidate will demonstrate the following experience:

- Thorough grounding in statistical methods for economic and social science research to MSc level or beyond.
- Knowledge of and interest in a subject area relevant to PBE focus areas (currently education, employment, mental health and resilience and complex needs)
- Ability to work as an independent consultant

The candidate will bring the following characteristics and attributes to the role:

Strong interpersonal skills and problem-solving skills

- Excellent IT, numerical and analytical skills
- Excellent communications skills, with the ability to communicate economic analysis effectively to specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- An eye for detail and a strong commitment to quality
- Proven ability to work independently and manage priorities, deadlines and projects that may involve multiple contributors