**The Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University**

**CHIEF ECONOMIST**

The Center conducts rigorous, applied academic research to be presented to a wide variety of audiences. Preferred candidates may be asked to provide video recordings of previous presentation and speaking engagements, as well as professional references. Please visit our website at <https://www.recenter.tamu.edu/> to learn more about our work.

**NOTE: This is NON-TENURE position.** There are no academic (teaching) assignments.

The salary range is $300,000 - $350,000 or commensurate with experience, in addition to benefits and wellness services which can be viewed at <https://employees.tamu.edu/benefits/>. The Center provides a wide array of various datasets and other resources to support ongoing research.

**Job Description Summary**

The Chief Economist is a senior-level, non-tenure Research Scientist position. The Chief Economist will perform analysis related to real estate, urban, and rural economics for the State of Texas, produce reports based on the findings, and disseminate those findings through articles and presentations. The Chief Economist will be the lead communicator of Center research to a wide array of audiences, including associations, policy-makers, individuals, and other decision-makers. The researcher will assist with reviewing articles for publication, participate in staff meetings, and collaborate with other researchers.

**Required Experience and Education:**

PhD in finance, real estate, economics or related program, or equivalent combination of education and experience, plus ten years of applied finance and economic analysis in housing or commercial real estate. Possess a deep understanding of financial and housing markets. Proven record of high-quality, extensive, and engaging public speaking skills.

**Preferred Experience:**

PhD in Finance or Real Estate, and/or private sector work experience in the real estate or financial profession. More than ten years of applied financial and economic analysis in housing and/or real estate economics, with industry experience. Deep experience in and understanding of financial markets and real estate market analysis will be given preference.

**Required Special Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Proven ability to effectively communicate with a variety of audiences in the broadly defined real estate industry, academics, and government via written articles and oral presentations. Experience with analytical software such as R, SAS, Eviews or similar. Able to meet the demands of regular travel to build relationships and perform speaking responsibilities. Ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others.

**35%: CONDUCT REAL ESTATE ECONOMIC RESEARCH**

Performs as a senior-level researcher in the unit with a focus on the Texas real estate economy. Has expertise in housing or commercial finance or economics. Stays abreast of economic conditions, financial markets, and the real estate industry environment. Defines data needs. Utilizes data and other resources to design and conduct research projects. Evaluates, analyzes and develops economic models to interpret findings. Develops standardized, repeatable reports of trends and analysis of economic activity. Maintains the most appropriate research methodologies and applies best practices. Demonstrates a high level of integrity in data collection and maintenance. Able to maintain objectivity and neutrality in all aspects of research. Prepares reports of findings. Reviews and comments on technical accuracy of manuscripts and research proposals.

**35%: DISSEMINATE RESEARCH FINDINGS**

Disseminates findings through written articles, presentations, media interviews, and other means. Writes technical and industry articles on research findings, data search and processing, econometric-statistical analysis, and forecasting for publication in print and online. Coordinates with unit editorial staff to create articles and oral presentations of findings for a wide array of audiences, such as state, industry, municipalities and individuals. Responds to requests from external constituencies with expert information.

**15%: EXTERNAL LIAISON**

Develops and maintains relationships with recognized institutions and organizations in the real estate industry in Texas to expand the Center s public presence.

**10%: OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Reviews research staff articles for publication. Work closely with the Center’s research director. Collaborates with other researchers on projects as needed. Participates in scheduled research staff meetings. Assists research director to identify and define research projects and resource requirements.

**5%: OTHER DUTIES**

Performs other duties as assigned.

**Candidates may be asked to submit copies of research and videos of presentations. Please submit inquires with a cover letter and resume to Pamela Canon at** [**pcanon@tamu.edu**](mailto:pcanon@tamu.edu)**.**