Trainee profile

Support for the Standardisation and Research Unit

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The International Olive Council (IOC) is offering a paid traineeship for a young university graduate in the field of chemistry, pharmacy, medicine, biology, nutrition, agronomy, food technology or similar, with experience in olive oil sample handling and laboratory work, and if possible, with work experience acquired during their studies. The traineeship will have a duration of four months (with the possibility of extension), preferably from 1 September 2023. This will be an opportunity to work in a multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-ethnic environment and to put into practice what you have learned during your studies.

The profile and tasks of the potential trainee are outlined below:

Profile and prerequisites

The candidate must:

• Be a national of an IOC member

• Hold a university degree of at least four years’ duration or equivalent in the field of agronomy, agri-food, chemistry, pharmacy, medicine, biology, nutrition or similar...

• Have a good command of English or French (minimum B2 level) and at least one other official language of the Organisation

• Have excellent command of IT tools (Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook user level, Adobe, etc.)

• Be healthy

It will be considered an asset:

• To have had an initial professional experience.

• To have knowledge of handling olive oil samples and laboratory equipment.

• To have knowledge of storage management.

• To have knowledge of other IOC official languages, particularly Spanish.

1 The list of IOC members can be found at http://www.internationaloliveoil.org/estaticos/view/103-list-of-ioc-members
2 The official languages of the International Olive Council are Arabic, English, French, Italian and Spanish.
Tasks

The main tasks of the trainee, who will work under the supervision of the Head of the Standardisation and Research Unit, are the following:

- Assisting the Unit in experts’ meetings and other activities and events organised by the Unit.
- Support the Unit in its activities related to sensory and physical-chemical training courses, meetings, reference material, ring tests, monitoring oils sold in non-member importing countries.
- Provide logistical support for preparing samples, labelling and organising shipments.
- Support for the Mario Solinas Quality Award: reception of samples, documents, classification and storage.
- General practical support at the request of the Unit.

Duration of traineeship

Four months (may be extended). The expected start date is 1 September 2023.

Deadline for applications

30 July 2023 (deadline for receipt of applications by post or email).

A cover letter must be submitted alongside the completed application form and supporting documents.

Reference document

Rules governing the official traineeship scheme of the IOC (available on the IOC website).

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