

Transport Economist/Transport Specialist (WBG Young Professionals Program)

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Transport Economists/Specialists with YPP qualifications below are encouraged to apply from July 3 - July 31 at www.worldbank.org/ypp

We are looking for individuals who are younger than 32 years of age, who demonstrate a passion for international development, graduate level education, relevant professional experience and the potential to grow into leadership roles across the World Bank Group.

Description

Transport Global Practice

Transport is fundamental to supporting economic growth, creating jobs and connecting people to essential services such as healthcare or education. But in many developing countries, the benefits are not being realized. One billion people still live more than 2km away from an all-weather road, where lack of access is inextricably linked to poverty. One in six women globally do not look for jobs out of fear of harassment in transit. Road crashes claim over 1.35 million every year, 93% of them in developing countries. There is also an urgent need to reduce the climate impact of transport. Domestic and international transport already contribute 20% of global GHG emissions. As populations, economies, and the need for mobility grow, GHG emissions from transport could increase by as much as 60% by 2050 if left unchecked. When it comes to transport, developing countries face a dual challenge:

ensuring everyone has access to efficient, safe, and affordable mobility, and doing so with a much smaller climate footprint.

The multiple crises of the last few years have profoundly upended the transport sector. Enhancing the resilience of the global transport system will enable developing countries to adapt to changing global circumstances and emerging challenges. This applies not only to passenger mobility but also to freight and logistics: drawing on lessons learned from the recent supply chain crisis, boosting the efficiency and resilience of global logistics will have an essential part to play in fostering sustainable economic growth and improving food security.

Ambitious investments in solutions such as high-quality public transport, well-connected cities, non-motorized transport options, multimodal transport, efficient logistics, and cleaner technologies can help achieve development progress and climate targets simultaneously. Expanding sustainable transport options, especially in low-income or vulnerable communities, is a powerful way for countries to bolster human development and social inclusion, as well as boost economic growth and create jobs. For more information: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/transport>

The World Bank Transport Global Practice (Transport GP) includes experts in every area of the transport sector. Its experts work with client countries to design and implement development projects and policy reforms to promote green, resilient, efficient, inclusive, and safe transport systems for people and goods. The World Bank Group is the largest provider of development finance for transport globally, with an active transport portfolio of \$39 billion in 115 countries.

YPP Selection Criteria

- Born on or after October 1, 1991
- Relevant Master's by September 2023 **OR** PhD by September 2024
- 3+ years of relevant experience **OR** continued study at the doctoral level
- Fluency in English

Desired Qualifications

- Advanced degree in economics, finance, planning, or engineering with specialization in transport or urban development.
- Experience in at least one sub-sector of transport discipline (urban mobility, roads, railways, maritime and ports, aviation) and/or in at least one specialized topic below.
 - Desirable specialized expertise include transport decarbonization and climate-resilient infrastructure, regional connectivity and logistics, private capital mobilization and climate finance for transport, technological innovations in transport, competition and regulatory policies in transport, and land use and transport integration.
- Strong background in policy analysis, funding and financing for transport, regulatory reforms, and/or transport investment planning and implementation,

- Desirable training and understanding of the interplay between climate and transport, and/or transport and urban development
- Desirable training in regulatory economics/economics
- Ability to draw cross-sectoral linkages as important as technical depth
- Strong written and verbal communications skills.
- Proficiency in Spanish and/or French is a plus

World Bank Group Core Competencies

- Knowledge and Experience in Development Arena - Translates technical and cross-country knowledge into practical applications and contributions to country and sector strategies; interacts with clients at the policy level.
- Policy Dialogue Skills - Anticipates needs and requests in the field and conducts independent policy discussions with representatives of the government and non-government partners.
- Integrative Skills - Understands relevant cross-sectoral areas how they are interrelated; able to undertake cross-sectoral work in lending and non-lending operations.
- Project Design for Impact and Sustainability - Contributes to the design of projects and programs based on an understanding of the country and sector context.
- Sector Dialogue - Able to conduct a dialogue with the client including on complex issues, based on a solid understanding of the sector.
- Client Orientation - Maintains client relationships in the face of conflicting demands or directions, and provides evidence-based advice and solutions based on sound diagnosis and knowledge.
- Drive for Results - Identifies the needed resources to accomplish results involving multiple stakeholders and finds solutions to obstacles affecting key deliverables.
- Teamwork (Collaboration) and Inclusion - Shows leadership in ensuring the team stays organized and focused, and actively seeks and considers diverse ideas and approaches.
- Knowledge, Learning, and Communication - Leads in the sharing of best practice, trends, knowledge and lessons learned across units and with clients and partners, articulating ideas verbally and in writing in a clear and compelling way across audiences of varied levels.
- Business Judgment and Analytical Decision Making - Gathers inputs, assesses risk, considers impact and articulates benefits of decisions for internal and external stakeholders over the long term.

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