International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

An opportunity for a high-calibre graduate who wants to help influence the future of a major global industry.

Job Title: Policy Officer  
Salary: Circa £30,000 plus benefits  
Job Type: Permanent, Full Time  
Location: City of London  
Closing Date: 6 April 2020  
Industry: Shipping Industry, Trade Association

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) is the global trade association for the maritime transport sector which moves about 90% of world trade. ICS works closely with its membership of national shipowners’ associations (in Asia, Europe and the Americas) whose member shipping companies operate over 80% of the world’s merchant tonnage. Established in 1921, ICS is concerned with all regulatory and trade policy issues that may affect international shipping, representing the industry at various intergovernmental bodies including the London-based UN International Maritime Organization (IMO).

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND JOB FUNCTIONS:
The successful candidate will support the work of the ICS Shipping Policy Committee, which co-ordinates the development of the global industry’s positions on trade policy issues and their representation at external meetings at bodies such as the UN IMO and the OECD. In due course this is likely to involve some international travel.

The Policy Officer will work closely with the Senior Adviser (Shipping Policy) and the role will involve the preparation of documents, industry positions, assistance with research activities and report writing. The role will also involve providing general support on a wide range of issues to other ICS staff, including those engaged with environmental issues.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:
This is an entry level position and previous knowledge of the shipping industry is not required. The successful candidate will have a good degree, excellent written English, communication skills and a keen interest in international affairs, with an ability to explain complex arguments clearly and concisely, and a willingness (in due course) to present arguments at intergovernmental and industry committee meetings. The ability to understand a wide range of political, commercial and (occasionally) technical issues quickly, with a sound ‘generalist’ approach is also necessary, as well as being comfortable with basic statistics and data analysis.

TO APPLY:
A job description with application details can be found on the ICS website http://www.ics-shipping.org/about-ics/ics-vacancies. If applying directly to ICS, applicants should include a C.V. and single page letter of application, stating where they saw the vacancy advertised. These should be forwarded to helio.vicente@ics-shipping.org.