

Title: Financial Policy Advisor
Department: Government Relations
Location: Ottawa
Salary Range: \$70,000 - \$90,000 depending on experience

The Canadian Credit Union Association (CCUA) is the national trade association for the Canadian credit union industry. Canada's credit unions are vital competitors in the financial services industry. CCUA, as the national voice and national forum for Canada's credit unions, actively leads and participates in initiatives to build successful, competitive, and growing credit unions in Canada.

Reporting to the Assistant Vice President of Financial Sector Policy, the **Financial Policy Advisor** will be responsible for identifying policy issues of significance to the Canadian credit union system, preparing and executing action plans related to these issues, and doing so in a manner that is responsive to the system.

In addition to possessing superior writing and analytic skills, the candidate must have exceptional interpersonal skills as the position will involve a great deal of collaborative work with subject matter experts in credit unions as well as interactions with external stakeholders and government officials. As part of this collaborative work, the policy advisor will be expected to drive towards consensus positions on key policy issues (e.g., mortgage underwriting rules, competition with Crown corporations, and mortgage risk sharing.) The Policy Advisor must be able to communicate complex policy issues in a clear, easy-to-understand way accessible not only to credit union staff but also government, members of Parliament and the media. Knowledge of and experience with government policy consultations is a must-have. Experience in a government department such as Finance or an agency like CMHC is a very strong asset.

Key Responsibilities:

- Proactively identify policy issues of significant to the credit union system
- Monitor government activity that could impact credit unions
- Maintain relationships with federal departments (Finance), agencies (CMHC, OSFI), and federal crown corporations (Farm Credit Canada, Business Development Bank of Canada)
- Generate responses to policy consultations on select topics, with particular focus on lending-related policy development (e.g., risk sharing, B-20/B-21 guidelines, etc)
- Communicate CCUA positions on major policy issues in a way that is accessible to a general non-specialist audience in the form of briefing notes, presentations, and webinars
- Foster relationships and promote CCUA perspective with media contacts



- Assist as necessary in the production of board material, conference planning, and material related to CCUA committees
- Originate and develop research ideas/conduct special projects as assigned

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Masters degree in social sciences, ideally in economics or public policy
- 1-3 years of experience in a related field
- Exceptional writing, verbal and interpersonal skills
- Strong service orientation
- Ability to work collaboratively
- Knowledge of the functioning of the federal government and its policy apparatuses
- Familiarity with association environment and/or financial service sector a plus
- Experience within a relevant government department is a plus
- French language skills are a strong asset, but not required

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter quoting in the subject line "Financial Policy Advisor" to mycareer@ccua.com

Canadian Credit Union Association is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified candidates. Recruitment related accommodations for organizational positions will be provided upon request.

We thank all applicants in advance; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

