

Trader Assistant (Academic part-time job)

(20 hrs per week)

Do you have the ambition to become a Trader, but still have at least 9 months to study? Getting excited about the option to write your thesis at a leading global trading firm? If you are currently based in the Netherlands, studying towards an academic degree combined with a significant interest in financial markets and solid working experience in Excel and VBA, you might be our new Trader Assistant.

Who we are

We are Optiver, an international trading company, headquartered in Amsterdam. With more than 700 colleagues across four continents we constantly offer fair and highly competitive prices for the buying and selling of stocks, bonds, options, futures, ETF's et cetera. It is called 'market making'. We build markets and provide liquidity to international exchanges in Europe, the US and Asia Pacific.

We do not only trade when we feel like it. Not only when our outlook is bright, but 24 hours a day. Whichever way the markets go, we are there, always at our own risk, using our own capital. 'Value the difference' sums it up perfectly. It explains in a nutshell what we do every day. It also invites you to explore how we do our job differently.

We have valued that difference since 1986; the year we started on the Amsterdam based European Options Exchange with a single floor trader. Today we are one of the most dynamic, innovative and successful companies in The Netherlands and beyond.

What you'll do

As a Trader Assistant within Optiver you will be working in a highly competitive and fast changing environment. You will not only act as the key link between our traders and our Mid Office department, but your daily tasks will also exist of assisting the traders, managing and importing large amounts of data, structuring trading sheets and administrating trading files. With your solid VBA skills you are able to complete these tasks, but we will also challenge you to learn new programming languages like Lua and C++.

Please note: For this junior trading role we are looking for someone who is in university for at least the next 9 months and you are determined to start your career in Trading after finishing your studies.

What you'll need

an academic degree, preferably in Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Econometrics, Finance or equivalent;

advanced knowledge of Excel and experience with VBA;

strong affinity for financial markets;

a numbers-orientated character and a great attention to detail;

excellent numerical and analytical skills;

the ability to work in an accurate and structured way in order to solve problems;

willingness and ability to learn new programming languages (C++, Lua).

What you'll get

Optiver is above all a state of mind. We are looking for you when you believe in daily improvement, when you like to be seriously rewarded for your performance and when you easily adapt to change and enjoy some humour and fun.

To be concrete, we offer you an excellent remuneration. But we also offer you great secondary benefits such as the possibility to write your thesis at Optiver, explore trading from different perspectives, fully paid first-class commuting expenses, attractive profit sharing structure, training opportunities, discounts on health insurance, breakfast and lunch facilities, sports and leisure activities, Friday afternoon drinks and even weekly in-house chair massages.

Interested?

We are 350 highly educated professionals from over 30 different countries that work at Optiver in Amsterdam. We aim to be unrivalled in our industry, by being talented, creative and result driven. And it doesn't matter how we dress or what we believe in, as long as we exceed our and each others expectations.

If you are ready to apply, and we hope you are, apply directly via the button below for the position of Trader Assistant. Please provide us with a CV and letter of motivation in English. Applications without a letter of motivation will not be reviewed. When we think the 'magic' is there, you will hear from us sooner than you expect. If you have any questions feel free to contact Debbie Holgado on +31 (0) 20 708 70 00.

N.B. If you are selected to proceed to the next round for the position of Trader Assistant, you will be required to take an online assessment and the official trading tests.