



Road Transport Research Specialist

Aligned with IRU's vision to be the global leader in safe, efficient, and green road transport, the Research Specialist, Transport & Environment will develop crucial research to support our activities, strengthen the road transport industry, and enhance our societal value, while building trust-based relationships with key data providers from within and beyond our industry.

As a research specialist positioned within the Strategy & Market Intelligence department, the incumbent will be responsible for coordinating and overseeing the development of comprehensive, data-driven research initiatives, detailed analytical reports, and in-depth studies focusing on key aspects of global road transport. This role involves gathering and synthesizing complex data sets to produce robust and meaningful insights, while ensuring the delivery of valuable, actionable intelligence analyses that directly benefit IRU's diverse membership base. The position requires careful attention to data quality and interpretation, with an emphasis on producing clear, well-documented findings that can inform strategic decision-making across the organisation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Research on road transport topics

- Lead the planning and execution of research projects, reports, publications, and surveys that support IRU's global and regional activities. Focus on key road transport industry opportunities and challenges, including transport operations, fleet management, company operations, intermodality, digitalisation, and decarbonisation.
- Track and analyse industry trends and challenges in logistics and mobility to enhance IRU activities
- Create research materials on key transport topics following the editorial plan
- Update and enhance the Intelligence Platform ("IP") with new data and propose valuable content additions (dashboards, tables, analyses, reports)
- Operate IRU modelling tools to support solution development and expertise
- Maintain efficient data collection processes and systematic data warehouse updates
- Work with IT Teams to develop, test, and implement methods for delivering content on the Intelligence Platform
- Support IRU communication by ensuring alignment between messaging and supporting data
- Present to various audiences the results of our research

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

- Master's degree or higher with specialisation in engineering, energy, transportation, logistics, economics, or closely related technical fields
- Minimum of 5 years research experience specifically focused on transport systems, logistics operations, or supply chain management
- Demonstrated expertise in data analysis, report writing, and project delivery in an international context
- Programming skills in Python, Matlab, Stata or R is essential
- Effective writing and communication skills in English, another language is a strong asset
- Be accountable for the research quality and robustness