

CBO's 2016 Summer Internships...

Whether investigating budget reform, studying the macroeconomic effects of fiscal policy, or assessing the vulnerability of electric grids to cyberattacks, working at the Congressional Budget Office has been an enjoyable and productive experience for all the 2016 summer associates. If you walk through the halls of CBO, you might find the summer associates crunching numbers on their computers; participating in meetings with staff across units and divisions; speaking to other agencies, and the public on the phone; reviewing regulations; or exchanging pleasantries at the water cooler. After work, you're likely to find them exploring

the local scene or attending the Congressional Baseball Game with colleagues.

As with all good things, though, CBO summer internships must come to an end. The associates will then return to their respective educational and professional pursuits in economics, public policy, communications, engineering, public health, and law. They'll take with them a newfound understanding of the federal budget process, an array of professional experiences that will bolster their next career moves, and fond memories of a summer well spent learning and growing at CBO.



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I was lucky to work on an incredibly interesting project in the Microeconomic Studies Division. We examined how trends in wealth inequality have changed over the past decade for different demographic groups when pension wealth and Social Security wealth were accounted for. For this project, I've gathered and cleaned survey data, developed new coding skills, improved on existing research, and analyzed new trends. My supervisor has been supportive and friendly throughout this process; as a whole, the CBO staff—including my fellow interns—were the kindest people I've ever worked with. In addition, the myriad opportunities to go to briefings on the Hill to learn about all kinds of issues were inspiring for someone with an interest in policy. This internship has been a wonderful experience. ◇



Univ. of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill
Ph.D., Economics

At CBO, I joined a continuous effort to turn what can often seem unclear or conflicting economic theories, models, and data into succinct answers to real-world policy proposals and conditions. Economists at CBO consider the connections between the economy and the federal budget and provide these estimates directly to policymakers on Capitol Hill. As a member of the Financial Analysis Division, I conducted an empirical study of the relationship between economic indicators and the valuation of federal credit programs. That work offers insight into an often-overlooked budgetary effect of economic fluctuations. I was treated as a full member of my division and of the agency: I participated in division meetings, learned from CBO-wide seminars, and attended lectures by lawmakers on Capitol Hill. CBO is an excellent and unique environment that, despite the critical nature of its work, is staffed at every level by friendly and approachable people who love what they do. ◇

Interning in the Budget Analysis Division gave me the opportunity to understand and explore policy analysis from a new perspective. As a full member of the team, I contributed to cost estimates related to legislation to treat opioid abuse. My main project for the summer was to review proposals for entitlement reform. I attended committee hearings, think-tank seminars, and other events on the Hill to gather information on potential reforms. I then analyzed how proposals related to one another and to current law, and I evaluated each proposal to develop considerations for future cost estimates. In addition to my day-to-day tasks, I sat in on meetings with Congressional staffers and other government agencies. My experiences at CBO enabled me to understand how to conduct sound policy analysis in a meaningful and transparent way while I gained skills applicable to a variety of career paths. ◇



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