

CBO 2007 Summer Internships...

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Each year, the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO's) Summer Associates represent a variety of universities and diverse areas of academic and professional interests. CBO interns bring new perspectives and ideas to CBO projects. This year's Associates prepared cost estimates and budgetary forecasts, analyzed policy issues, conducted research, and developed econometric models on important issues such as health care reform, Food Stamps, Social Security, dividend-tax reform, capital gains forecasting, residential demand for electricity, and the impact of proposed legislation on the private sector. Interns also have the opportunity to attend lectures through a weekly Congressional seminar series, brown-bag lunch sessions hosted by CBO staff, and committee hearings on Capitol Hill. A friendly, informal professional environment—combined with close interaction between budget analysts and economists—makes for an experience that is rewarding to interns and staff alike.



Keziah Cook
Northwestern
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David Reynolds, Jr.
College of William
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"The greatest benefit of interning at CBO was the opportunity to work with top policy economists on a project about the impacts of dividend-tax reforms on corporate investment. Besides learning new econometric techniques, I attended CBO seminars and research-in-progress and divisional meetings, which allowed me to learn more about CBO and see how its economists work. I strongly recommend CBO internships to graduate students interested in timely economic and financial issues."



Tanakorn Makaew
University of Maryland,
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University of
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Morgan Hanger
University of California,
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"I worked on two fascinating projects: one focusing on the use of comparative-effectiveness research in medical decisionmaking and the other exploring what drives growth in U.S. medical spending. Given the increasing attention in Washington to the costs and inefficiencies of our health care system, it has been an exciting time to be here. By my third week, I had been to two Congressional hearings at which our Director was testifying. Additionally, an analyst met with me about a cost estimate on voting legislation—a topic I had researched in class—to explain her approach and share her ideas. Perhaps even more than the relevance of the projects, it is the expertise and generosity of the analysts that make CBO such a wonderful place to work."



Anna Rakhman
George Washington
University,
Ph.D., Economics



Joshua Shakin
University of
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"My internship in the Budget Analysis Division gave me valuable insights into the inner workings of Congress and Congressional committees. Working with CBO analysts on several key health care bills over the course of the summer—such as physician payment under Medicare and the State Children's Health Insurance Program—I have seen how CBO and its staff provide much-needed nonpartisan budget and policy analysis on what can be extremely hot-button political issues. These experiences have provided me with a fantastic opportunity to apply knowledge gained in my graduate experience, as well as to determine what skills and substantive issues I want to explore in more depth over the next year."



Sean Dunbar
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