

CBO 2008 Summer Internships...



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CBO's internship program allows students to perform substantive, nonpartisan research and exposes them to an array of educational opportunities on federal budgeting. This year, the work experiences for CBO's summer associates included wide-ranging areas, from analysis of the domestic implications of a carbon cap-and-trade program to examining the effects of economic sanctions as a tool in the international arena. Summer associates work alongside policy experts in producing high-level analyses, gaining experience invaluable for their professional development.

"The internship program allowed me to work with CBO's staff studying America's infrastructure. I saw how policy analysis is done by people who actually put research to use outside of academia. I especially appreciated the open and friendly nature of CBO economists and their willingness to mentor the summer associates."

"I worked with two units in the Budget Analysis Division on short-term cost estimates and long-term projects. The estimates drew on my analytical and quantitative graduate training. Given my interest in econometric modeling, I had an opportunity to work on a project to forecast the future costs of the Navy's ships. The internship highlight came when I attended a House hearing, where my work was used in testimony given by a senior CBO staff member."

"I gained broad knowledge producing cost estimates for the Microeconomic Studies Division. Even more satisfying was the way a short-term assignment—to examine the domestic cost of economic sanctions—tied directly to a longer-term project. This connection enhanced my understanding of how economics can be applied to policy. My relationship with CBO staff can best be characterized as collegial and intellectually stimulating."