

CBO 2006 Summer Internships...

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A summer internship at the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provides a unique opportunity to engage in high-quality, unbiased research and policy analysis. Summer associates work alongside CBO analysts to prepare cost estimates, budgetary forecasts, econometric models, and background papers about current legislative issues, such as defense spending, pharmaceutical competition, education, Medicare, and the impact of shocks to the macroeconomy. CBO fosters a friendly work environment where associates regularly collaborate with senior analysts and economists, creating lasting mentoring and work relationships while gaining invaluable experience. Those interactions—as well as the myriad lectures and seminars offered at CBO, on Capitol Hill, and around Washington, D.C.—allow associates to experience the intricacies of the public policy field.



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"As a summer associate, I am offered a unique opportunity to work with a CBO economist on a project involving an empirical analysis of the transfers of wealth between parents and children and the factors that determine those transfers. This project has equipped me with firsthand experience applying economic and econometric theory to an interesting and significant topic."

"My summer internship experience provided an in-depth introduction to the federal budgeting process. I learned the intricate process of estimating costs in an accurate and timely manner. My individual project focused on modeling long-term care costs in the Medicaid program. I not only learned about key elements of health policy but also gained valuable skills in developing models and making projections of policy changes on the federal budget. Supportive CBO staff engaged me in their various projects, and I participated in meetings with senior CBO and Congressional staff. At CBO, I was immersed in a rigorous and intellectually challenging environment unlike any other."



Harry Tsang
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"My summer project was to revise and update the models used to estimate gasoline demand. This was a wonderful opportunity to blend research with policymaking, and it was extremely rewarding to be given such an important responsibility."

"I helped create a model for forecasting the costs of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Program, which compensates federal employees who have been exposed to radiation. The project allowed me to use the quantitative and qualitative skills that I acquired in my graduate program as well as exposing me to new policy fields. The highlight was the ability to learn first hand how CBO constructs cost estimates. The most rewarding part of my experience was the breadth of knowledge that I gained during the summer. In addition to the analytic skills I learned through my project, working at CBO provided numerous other educational opportunities, such as lunches, lectures, and seminars throughout Washington, D.C."



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