



## Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics

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The Social Security Administration's Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (ORES) is soliciting interest among economists with PhDs or equivalent experience, including those with established careers, in two areas:

- **Microsimulation model development**

Economist/econometrician to develop and apply sophisticated microsimulation models using administrative earnings and benefits records and survey data such as SIPP, CPS, and HRS. Requires initiative, creativity, and a willingness to learn, backed by strong technical skills. The microsimulation models attempt to project the US population over 75 years into the future, accounting for demographic, economic, and sociological changes. The models are used to evaluate the impact of Social Security policy changes on society and retirement income, particularly Social Security income. The impacts are measured in terms of income adequacy and equity as well as trust fund solvency and budgetary impact.

- **Retirement Research Consortium project manager**

Experienced research economist to manage the [Retirement Research Consortium](#) (RRC). Managing the centers is half of the RRC project manager's job. The remaining half is devoted to individual research projects and other agency priorities including research-based initiatives to improve financial literacy among the American public. RRC project management duties include soliciting and reviewing grant applications; evaluating final research projects; providing day-to-day guidance to the centers; and liaising between grants officers, the centers, and SSA management. Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the RRC consists of three separate centers housed at Boston College, the University of Michigan, and the National Bureau of Economic Research, and is funded through cooperative agreements totaling approximately \$7.5 million per year. More information on the RRC is available at <http://www.ssa.gov/policy/about/partnerships.html>.

### Application Instructions

ORES expects to solicit formal applications for these positions in the near future and will be interviewing at the AEA meetings in San Francisco. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Candidates must have excellent quantitative and applied research skills, strong oral and written communication skills, and the ability to work

well in a team setting. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, a vita, a recent research paper, and up to three letters of recommendation. Please identify the area(s) of interest (microsimulation modeling or RRC). U.S. citizenship is required. An equal opportunity employer. **CONTACT:** (1) e-mail (preferred): ORES.jobs@ssa.gov (2) fax: 202-358-6187, Attention: ORES-DC Jobs Coordinator; or (3) mail: ORES-DC Jobs Coordinator, Social Security Administration, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics, 500 E Street S.W. Room 922, Washington, DC 20254.

## About Us

The mission of the Social Security Administration (SSA) is to advance the income security of the American public through compassionate and vigilant leadership in shaping and managing the Social Security programs. ORES operates under the Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy. ORES provides SSA with economic and statistical analyses of the Social Security retirement, survivors, and disability programs and income support programs. We analyze the effects of these programs, and proposed changes to these programs, on individuals, the economy, and program solvency. We manage a multimillion dollar program of extramural research, headlined by the Retirement Research Consortium. We use detailed survey and administrative record data to develop and apply large-scale microsimulation models. Our research informs policymakers of expected outcomes under current law and proposed Social Security reforms. We publish our results in the Social Security Bulletin, academic journals, and various agency publications.

