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Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis Division

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is the nonpartisan agency that provides budgetary and economic analysis to the U.S. Congress. The Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis Division is seeking an economist for a position in its Long-Term Analysis Unit (LTAU) to conduct analyses of long-term budgetary issues and to assist in the development and use of CBO’s long-term microsimulation model. The unit carries out CBO’s long-term modeling initiatives, providing the Congress with long-term projections of the federal budget under current law, as well as analyses of long-term trends and policy options in the areas of retirement, disability, and health care.

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The successful candidate will contribute to the full range of LTAU’s responsibilities, which include preparing CBO reports and testimonies, performing detailed long-term analyses of some proposed legislation, and constructing and improving models that underlie CBO’s policy analyses. In addition to producing CBO studies and reports, analysts are encouraged to turn projects or independent research into CBO working papers or outside publications.

Qualifications

Applicants should have strong quantitative background, excellent writing skills, an interest in a broad range of fiscal policy issues, and a desire to work as part of a team on issues of current legislative interest to the Congress. Applicants with a PhD in economics or a closely related discipline, with a particular focus on empirical macro- and labor economics, will be preferred; those with a Master’s degree and equivalent experience will also be considered.

Salary and Benefits

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