

Subject: Economic/ Policy Analyst Internship – Summer 2021
U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Policy Analysis

Location: Downtown Washington, DC (Due to COVID-19, working remotely may be possible)

Position Type: Internship

Salary Level: Unpaid

Schedule: At least 20 hrs/week

Description

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Policy Analysis is seeking undergraduate and graduate student interns for the Summer 2021 term. An internship with the Office of Policy Analysis provides students with a unique opportunity to work directly on priority natural resource policy and management issues, while gaining valuable federal government work experience and access to a network of Department of the Interior economists and policy analysts.

The Office of Policy Analysis assists in analyzing and evaluating Departmental programs, developing new programs and major program changes, producing major studies of policies and programs, and conducting economic analysis of natural and environmental resources issues. The Office coordinates and guides agency and multi-bureau program development and policy analysis tasks, providing guidance to bureau and office analytic staffs, and scheduling the timing and content of issues analysis and decision documents on behalf of Departmental leadership. Additional information about the Office can be found at <https://www.doi.gov/ppa>.

Responsibilities

At any given time, the Office of Policy Analysis has a number of ongoing analytic efforts. These include short-, medium-, and long-term projects. The projects encompass the Department's entire portfolio. Some of the topics the Office anticipates working on in 2021 include:

- Arctic issues
- Economic impact analysis of DOI programs and activities
- Economic analysis of energy-related activities on federal lands
- Indian affairs
- Insular affairs
- Invasive species
- Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration
- Regulatory affairs
- Wildland fire

Interns will work with the Office of Policy Analysis staff on projects and may be given responsibility for a project or a portion of a project, depending on their skills and interests. Potential responsibilities include:

- Gathering and analyzing data
- Researching high priority policy topics
- Assisting Office of Policy Analysis with writing reports and delivering presentations to Departmental leadership

Qualifications

All applicants should be currently pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in economics, public administration, public policy, environmental policy, environmental studies/science, political science, government, or other relevant fields. In addition, applicants should possess research, writing, and analytical capabilities and effective communication skills. Interns will be required to pass a background check.

To Apply: Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by January 22 to Tiffany Cox at tiffany_cox@ios.doi.gov. Any questions should also be directed to Tiffany Cox.

The Office of Policy Analysis will notify students if they have been selected for an interview by mid-February. Final selections for interns will be announced in March.