



Applied Research and Methods Team (ARM)

EXPERTS in the HOUSE

We design and execute appropriate methodologies to help GAO's mission and operations teams investigate and improve federal government operations. We also routinely assess emerging technologies and evaluate federal programs and policies. Here are the details for each of our offices/centers:



Center for Design, Methods, and Analysis

Provides methodological, statistical, analytical, and technical assistance to mission and operations teams



Center for Economics

Provides expertise in a broad range of issues, approaches, and methodologies in economic analysis



Center for Enhanced Analytics

Provides assistance with data, using descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive analytics



Center for Evaluation Methods and Issues

Produces studies on program evaluation, performance measurement, applied statistics, social science research, and future-oriented analyses



Center for Science, Technology, and Engineering

Conducts technology assessments, technical performance audits, and provides assistance on engagements related to science, technology, engineering, operations research, and cybersecurity



Managing Director's Office

Plans and supports the production of ARM's work, and provides library research services for the entire agency

JOIN US!

	Internship	Permanent Position
Education Required	Current advanced undergraduate or graduate student in social science, STEM, or public policy	Master's or doctoral degree in statistics, social science, STEM, or public policy
Schedule	400-640 hours; full-time in summer, full- or part-time in fall	Full-time
Opportunities	Internship, which could convert to a permanent position	Flexibility to work on the topics that interest you most
Compensation	Professional salary with benefits	

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must apply for available positions through www.usajobs.gov.

We recommend that interested applicants:

- Create a profile on USAjobs.
- Sign up to receive a daily search alert for GAO vacancies. (A weekly alert may not catch time-limited postings.)
- Build a resume in USAjobs (rather than uploading one). Describe your experience with specific, direct examples.
- Email ARMDIHiring@gao.gov to receive announcements about upcoming opportunities in ARM.
- Read through past GAO reports available at gao.gov, and familiarize yourself with the GAO style.
- Provide detailed responses to the written application questions when you submit an application.
- Apply to positions early to account for possible technical challenges.



ACCOUNTABILITY is our middle name

Often called the “congressional watchdog,” GAO is an **independent, nonpartisan agency** that advises Congress about ways to make government more efficient, effective, ethical, equitable, and responsive.

Returning **more than a hundred dollars in savings** for every dollar of our budget, we support oversight of taxpayer dollars by:

- **auditing** federal spending;
- **investigating** allegations of illegal and improper activities;
- **reporting** on agency program and policy effectiveness;
- **analyzing policy** and outlining options for Congress;
- **issuing legal decisions and opinions**, such as bid protest rulings and reports on agency rules.

Our PEOPLE are our STRENGTH

...and we value them accordingly. We strive for:

A workplace that emphasizes

- diversity
- inclusion
- respect
- fairness



Work/life balance, offering

- flexible work schedules
- continuous learning
- a pay system that rewards performance



GAO’s support of diversity has been top-ranked among mid-sized federal agencies since 2011, and has ranked in the top 5 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government every year since 2005.

Across the NATION; Across GOVERNMENT

Our **11 field offices** and **headquarters in Washington, DC**, position us to explore government programs around the country.



We split our work among **14 Mission Teams** that cover federal programs and activities across government:

- Applied Research and Methods
- Contracting and National Security Acquisitions
- Defense Capabilities and Management
- Education, Workforce, and Income Security
- Financial Management and Assurance
- Financial Markets and Community Investment
- Forensic Audits and Investigative Service
- Health Care
- Homeland Security and Justice
- Information Technology
- International Affairs and Trade
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Physical Infrastructure
- Strategic Issues

When we talk, OTHERS LISTEN



GAO is integral to government decision making. We make hundreds of recommendations each year, testify frequently at congressional hearings, and are cited regularly in the national press.



On average, roughly 80% of our recommendations are implemented over a four-year period, improving government services and saving billions of taxpayer dollars annually.

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