



health care

WATCHING THE NATION'S HEALTH

WHAT WE DO

The Health Care (HC) team supports congressional oversight of health care delivery and financing in the United States across Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Indian Health Service, private markets, public health, and prescription drugs.

Recent examples of our work examined:

- the federal government's public health response to COVID-19.
- the impact of rural hospital closures on access to healthcare.
- national efforts to prevent, respond to, and recover from drug misuse.
- wait times for care at the Department of Veteran Affairs
- the approval and cost of prescription drugs.

To examine these topics, we conduct a range of qualitative and quantitative work—such as site visits to medical facilities, interviewing government officials, surveying state and local health care agencies, and analyzing health care spending data or medical records.

WHO ARE WE

Our staff have backgrounds in public health and public policy analysis, clinical and administrative health care delivery, and social work.

WHERE ARE WE



- Washington, DC (HQ)
- Atlanta, GA
- Chicago, IL
- Seattle, WA

JOIN US!

	Internship	Permanent Position
Citizenship	U.S. citizenship required	
Education requirement	Current student in an accredited bachelor or graduate program.	Degree from an accredited bachelor or graduate program.
Schedule	400-640 hours; full-time in summer; full- or part-time in fall/spring	Full-time
Opportunities	Potential conversion to a permanent position	Work on high profile topics and develop professional skills
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 search alerts for GAO vacancies.
- Build a resume in USAjobs and describe your experience with specific, direct examples.
- Provide detailed responses to the written application questions when you submit an application.
- Apply to positions early to account for possible technical challenges.
- If you are in need of reasonable accommodations, please email ReasonableAccommodations@gao.gov.



U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

ACCOUNTABILITY ★ INTEGRITY ★ RELIABILITY

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

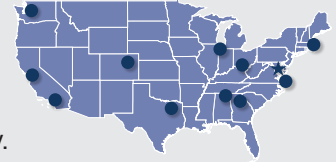
- continuous learning
- flexible work schedules/telework
- a pay system that rewards performance



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 **15 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 and Cybersecurity
- International Affairs and Trade
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Physical Infrastructure
- Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics
- 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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