

The U.S. Department of Labor's Chief Evaluation Office 2025 Summer Fellowship

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Chief Evaluation Office (CEO), Manhattan Strategy Group is pleased to accept applications to the DOL CEO 2025 Summer Fellowship. The program will accept up to six paid Fellows who either are currently a Ph.D. student or recently graduated with a Ph.D. in the social sciences.

Applications are due: **December 8, 2024, at 11:59 pm EDT**

Decisions are expected by late January, 2025. Please review the documents below to learn more about the program and how to apply.

ABOUT THE CHIEF EVALUATION OFFICE

CEO is an independent evaluation office that coordinates, manages, and implements DOL's evaluation program. CEO also manages DOL's Data Analytics Unit (DA), working closely with all offices and agencies throughout DOL to develop and implement evaluations and analytics projects that address priorities set by the Secretary and the agencies.

CEO's evaluation research portfolio, including its [behavioral insights](#) program, is conducted to a high standard of scientific integrity, and CEO upholds the five key principles of rigor, relevance, transparency, independence, and ethics of the Department's [Evaluation Policy](#). Learn more about CEO's evaluation research work on [our website](#), and about our role supporting rigorous evidence across DOL on the department's [Evidence Hub](#).

CEO's DA is a team of Ph.D. social scientists who support DOL agencies through customized services such as applied econometric modeling, project oversight, data provision, and statistical consulting. Recent projects include collecting and cleaning medical licensee data, gathering, cleaning, and analyzing state Unemployment Insurance (UI) data, web scraping and cleaning hospital price transparency data, and parsing information from online collective bargaining agreements into data that can be analyzed with statistical software.

ABOUT THE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Activities/Job Description

CEO values the contributions made by Ph.D. students and recent graduates of many backgrounds. As a CEO Summer Fellow, you will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience related to your field of study, gain exposure to the working of DOL's agencies, and **either complete and present an independent research project on a topic relevant to your dissertation or determined in collaboration with CEO.**

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Summer Fellows will work with one of the following teams within CEO:

- Evaluation Research (Up to four evaluation fellows expected for 2025)
- Data Analytics (Up to two data analytics fellows expected for 2025)

Fellows working within the **Evaluation Research** side of CEO will have the opportunity to become involved in the department's program evaluation portfolio, which includes a [wide range of studies](#) as well as our [behavioral interventions \(BI\) program](#) and [Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research](#). As a Fellow, you will complete an independent research project that you propose and also: gain exposure to the work of CEO's evaluation research staff; and/or help improve CEO's efforts to translate and communicate research to non-technical audiences. Ideal Evaluation Research Fellows would have advanced training in social science research methods and theories, and a genuine interest in labor issues and program evaluation or behavioral insights. For example, Ph.D. candidates from a broad range of social science backgrounds who are interested in exploring a particular labor topic for their dissertation could be excellent candidates.

Fellows working on the **Data Analytics** (DA) team will work with CEO staff to contribute to DA projects for DOL agencies, gain exposure to [public data analytics projects](#), and will also have the opportunity to learn more about ongoing projects across CEO's portfolio of work. Example projects that Fellows may participate in include equity analyses of state Unemployment Insurance data, collecting and cleaning medical licensee data, analyzing hospital-level price by county demographics, and parsing information from collective bargaining agreement documents into usable data.. Activities could include modeling, data quality assessments, web scraping, data merging/wrangling, econometric modeling, data visualizations, and machine learning. Ideal DA Fellow candidates would have substantial training in advanced statistics/econometrics, strong programming skills, experience cleaning and testing raw data, and a solid theoretical social science background to understand why the tasks they are assigned to are useful. For example, Ph.D. candidates in the social sciences who are interested in building and using innovative datasets for their dissertations could be excellent candidates.

Please look at the [FAQ PDF](#) for more details on the skills and work of the Fellows.

Eligibility

CEO is seeking bright, innovative, results-oriented individuals to join the Summer Fellowship Program. The program is open to current Ph.D. students and recent Ph.D. recipients (receipt in the past two years).

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Fellows will need to complete the E-Verify process and an I-9 form. To review acceptable documents for the process please follow [this link](#). Fellows must pass the DOL background check.

Compensation and work hours

CEO Summer Fellows are expected to work full-time (40 hours a week) for 10 weeks (from June 9, 2025, to August 15, 2025). Summer Fellows will be compensated at a rate of \$35 per hour and should expect to work remotely full time (40 hours per week).

Application

Please click [HERE](#) to access the online application form. You will need to upload your CV to the completed form.

Questions?

Do you have questions about the program and whether it is right for you? Register to attend a virtual information session about the CEO Summer Fellows program on November 19, 2024. The information sessions will feature CEO staff and two Summer Fellow alumni, who will answer your questions and share their experiences with the program.

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- **[Register for November 19, 2024, 1-2pm EDT](#)**

You may also contact summerfellowship@manhattanstrategy.com.