

Policy job opportunities for persons with a doctorate

- jobs in public policy, working in federal agencies

The following resources are federal, but most state and local governments have equivalent counterparts. [list produced by Heather Edwards, Assistant Professor, Social Work]

Congressional Research Service: The Congressional Research Service (CRS) works exclusively for the United States Congress, providing policy and legal analysis to committees and Members of both the House and Senate, regardless of party affiliation. As a legislative branch agency within the Library of Congress, CRS has been a valued and respected resource on Capitol Hill for nearly a century. - <http://www.loc.gov/crsinfo/> and <http://www.loc.gov/crsinfo/opportunities/>

U.S. Government Accountability Office: an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress. Often called the "congressional watchdog," GAO investigates how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars. - <http://www.gao.gov/> and <http://gao.gov/careers/index.html>

Urban Institute: gathers data, conducts research, evaluates programs, offers technical assistance overseas, and educates Americans on social and economic issues — to foster sound public policy and effective government. The Urban Institute builds knowledge about the nation's social and fiscal challenges, practicing open-minded, evidence-based research to diagnose problems and figure out which policies and programs work best, for whom, and how. - <http://www.urban.org/> and <http://www.urban.org/about/careers/index.cfm>

Administrative Agencies like the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, Department of Education, and Department of Veterans Affairs are responsible for implementing legislation. They take the laws that Congress passes and provide more specific direction for how these laws will actually be carried out. Many times the people responsible for these tasks have the title of "policy specialist". A comprehensive list of jobs through the U.S. Government. <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Think Tanks - here are two lists of think tanks
<http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=26817&sid=193938> and
<http://www.state.gov/m/psi/tc/79982.htm>

Interest groups like the American Medical Association and the Sierra Club hire policy analysts.

Jobs on Capitol Hill - http://www.rcjobs.com/home/index.cfm?site_id=11641

AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships

http://fellowships.aaas.org/02_Areas/02_index.shtml