

Chief, Consumer & Community Development Research

The Federal Reserve Board, located in Washington, DC, is seeking a Chief, Consumer & Community Development Research to manage section resources directed to implement activities supporting research and analysis on consumer finance and community development issues. Monitors developments and trends in consumer finance, community development, and consumer credit through primary data collection. Conducts economic research and analysis on specific consumer and community development topics for dissemination through various forms such as conference presentations, government reports and journal publications. Serves as an internal consultant for work on consumer financial services laws and regulations. Works under the general supervision of the Deputy Associate Director, exercising broad independence in managing personnel.

The Chief of the Consumer and Community Development Research section works with staff and senior management to conceptualize, carry out, and disseminate original research that advances the Board's and public's understanding of the key factors affecting the financial experiences of consumers and their communities, with a particular focus on low-income populations. Section research involves a combination of developing new data through original surveys as well as analyzing and utilizing pre-existing data including both small and large scale surveys and administrative data sources. The section also acts as an internal consultant to other functions of the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, other divisions, and Board Members, providing data and analysis to inform broader policy discussions and decisions. The Chief currently directs a group of four economists, three research assistants, and a project manager. The Chief is also responsible for the planning and execution of a large, biennial research conference focused on community development issues. The Chief works with staff and senior management to develop medium- and long-term research priorities for the section.

Requires a Ph.D. in economics, consumer finance, public policy, or related fields, or equivalent experience and credentials. Requires five years specific experience in managing and leading highly complex research projects, and publishing research on position-relevant topics in academic journals, government reports, or through equivalent media or venues. Must have demonstrated ability to direct staff, set priorities, assess staff performance, make budgetary recommendations, and manage budgets. Must have extensive experience making public presentations and writing reports accessible to a broad range of readers. Excellent written and oral communications skills are essential. Must demonstrate a highly refined analytical ability and the ability to oversee complex and rigorous work of others. Must have a demonstrated interest in the economic well-being of low- and moderate-income people and communities. Expertise in survey and sampling methodology and design is preferred. Prior experience in public service is strongly preferred. A strong sense of collegiality and teamwork is essential.