



## Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) invites comment on a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Applications for Employment with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (FR 28; OMB No. 7100-0181).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by FR 28, by any of the following methods:

- Agency Website: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx>.
- E-mail: [regs.comments@federalreserve.gov](mailto:regs.comments@federalreserve.gov). Include the OMB number or FR number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: (202) 452-3819 or (202) 452-3102.
- Mail: Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Attn: Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, Mailstop M-4775, 2001 C St NW, Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/foia/proposedregs.aspx> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons or to remove personally identifiable information at the commenter's request. Accordingly, comments will not be edited to remove any confidential business information, identifying information, or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room M-4365A, 2001 C St NW, Washington, DC 20551, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, except for Federal holidays. For security reasons, the Board requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling

(202) 452-3684. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and to submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Desk Officer for the Federal Reserve Board, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer – Nuha Elmaghrabi – Office of the Chief Data Officer, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, nuha.elmaghrabi@frb.gov, (202) 452-3884.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 15, 1984, OMB delegated to the Board authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) to approve and assign OMB control numbers to collections of information conducted or sponsored by the Board. In exercising this delegated authority, the Board is directed to take every reasonable step to solicit comment. In determining whether to approve a collection of information, the Board will consider all comments received from the public and other agencies.

During the comment period for this proposal, a copy of the proposed PRA OMB submission, including the draft reporting form and instructions, supporting statement (which contains more detail about the information collection and burden estimates than this notice), and other documentation, will be made available on the Board's public website at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/home/review> or may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears above. Final versions of these documents will be made available at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, if approved.

**Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal**

The Board invites public comment on the following information collection, which is being reviewed under authority delegated by the OMB under the PRA. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Board's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Board's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- d. Ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and
- e. Estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the Board should modify the proposal.

**Proposal under OMB Delegated Authority to Extend for Three Years, Without Revision, the Following Information Collection**

*Collection title:* Applications for Employment with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

*Collection identifier:* FR 28.

*OMB control number:* 7100-0181.

*General description of collection:* The FR 28 is comprised of the Application for Employment (FR 28a ), Applicant's Voluntary Self-Identification (FR 28s), Research Assistant Candidate Survey of Interests and Computer Experience (FR 28i), and Pre-Hire Conflict of Interest Screening Form (FR 28c).

The Application for Employment (FR 28a ) collects information to determine the qualifications of applicants for employment with the Board (such as education and training,

employment record, and other information since the time the applicant left high school). Among other things, the FR 28a is used to examine, rate, or assess the applicant's qualifications, and to contact the applicant to arrange an interview. The Applicant's Voluntary Self-Identification (FR 28s) is an optional form that collects information on the applicant's gender, race, and ethnicity. The Research Assistant Candidate Survey of Interests and Computer Experience (FR 28i) collects information on a Research Assistant (RA) applicant's level of interest in various economic topics and experience in different data analytics/programs. The Pre-Hire Conflict of Interest Screening Form (FR 28c) collects information from external applicants after they have been selected for an interview at the Board regarding certain financial interests that could pose a conflict of interest based on the duties of the position for which they are applying. Although certain conflicts of interest information is requested on the FR 28a, the FR 28c requests additional information to make sure that conflicts of interest are fully vetted before an applicant is employed at the Board.

The information collected through the FR 28 is used to assist the Board in recruiting and hiring individuals for Board employment, retaining qualified employees, and periodically reviewing its hiring practices.

*Frequency:* Event-generated.

*Respondents:* Individuals seeking employment with the Board.

*Total estimated number of respondents:* 17,150.

*Total estimated annual burden hours:* 7,208.<sup>1</sup>

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 8, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> More detailed information regarding this collection, including more detailed burden estimates, can be found in the OMB Supporting Statement posted at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/apps/reportingforms/home/review>. On the page displayed at the link, you can find the OMB Supporting Statement by referencing the collection identifier, FR 28.

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