

Jonathan Baron

Employment History

Executive Director, Data – Finance Real Estate and Data Analytics - BC Finance - Victoria, BC.
December 2019 – Current

- Leading the development of a new data unit that supports analytics and evidence-based policy analysis in the Ministry of Finance.
- Supervising technical staff to fulfill requests for data analysis and build data visualization tools such as interactive dashboards and maps.
- Contributing data-driven insights to briefing materials and communications documents for senior management and the Minister of Finance.

Senior Economist – Tax Policy Branch - BC Finance - Victoria, BC. October 2018 – December 2019

- Provided data support to a variety of policy initiatives including the Speculation and Vacancy Tax, the Child Opportunity Benefit, and the Expert Committee on Basic Income.
- Developed a framework for data collected under the Speculation and Vacancy Tax.
- Prepared briefing materials, developed policy recommendations, and briefed the Minister of Finance on tax legislation.
- Drafted tax legislation for Budget.

Senior Economist – Intergovernmental Relations and Income Security Branch - BC Finance - Victoria, BC. Dec 2017 – October 2018

- Lead a research project into federal transfers and income security policy. Developed a framework to use Statistic's Canada survey data to analyze the holistic impact of federal income support programs in BC.
- Prepared briefing materials, developed policy recommendations, and briefed the Minister of Finance on federal transfer policy.
- Provided data support for the BC Minister of Finance in meetings with the Finance Ministers of other provinces and the federal government.
- Represented the Province of BC at federal/provincial/territorial meetings of the Technical Subcommittee of the Fiscal Arrangements Committee.

Research Officer – Intergovernmental Relations and Income Security Branch - BC Finance - Victoria, BC. Sep 2015 - Dec 2016

- Prepared briefing notes and developed recommendations for senior management and the Minister of Finance in advance of several Finance Minister's Meetings.
- Developed a framework for modelling public healthcare expenditure pressures and provided data support for the Minister of Finance in discussions and negotiations related to the renewal of the Canada Health Transfer.
- Participated in intergovernmental negotiations on the Canada Health Transfer and enhancement of the Canada Pension Plan.

Education History

University of British Columbia —MA, Sep 2013 - Aug 2014

Master of Arts in economics.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Fellowship.

University of Victoria —BA Honours with Distinction, Sep 2007 - May 2013

Double major in economics and philosophy.

Held several teaching assistant positions and research assistant positions.