

The Ph.D. Excellence Initiative Seeks Junior Research Fellow in Economics to Begin Summer 2018

The [Ph.D. Excellence Initiative](#) is a Sloan Foundation–sponsored program that identifies high-achieving students of color and prepares them for the rigors of pursuing a Ph.D. in economics. The Initiative currently seeks a post-baccalaureate research fellow to work and study in New York City for the duration of two years under the guidance of Peter Blair Henry, Professor of Economics and Dean of NYU’s Stern School of Business. The research fellowship will begin during the summer of 2018. The ideal candidate is intellectually curious, highly motivated, and possesses strong determination to gain admittance to a top-tier Ph.D. program in economics. Past research assistants have gone on to Ph.D. programs at Berkeley, Duke, Harvard, and MIT.

Personal involvement is a hallmark of the Initiative. The selected fellow will benefit from a high level of one-on-one mentoring, including weekly scheduled meetings to discuss and receive advice on coursework, research, and publications. Throughout the year, fellows also have access to the Initiative’s wider Peer and Mentor Network, which begins with participation in the Initiative’s Annual Summer Workshop in July.

In the interest of augmenting skills to fully prepare for the rigors of doctoral work, the selected fellow will be actively involved in collaborative research for the purpose of crafting high-quality articles, papers, lectures, and proposals to leading professional journals and symposia. The fellow will assist with formulating questions, collecting data, and engaging in rigorous statistical analysis, and will work toward increasing both academic writing skills and familiarity with the academic publishing process.

Thanks to funding by the Sloan Foundation, the selected fellow will receive a \$40,000 stipend over 12 months, to offset housing and living expenses, and the opportunity to enroll for credit in up to two New York University classes during both the Fall and Spring semesters in economics, advanced mathematics, statistics, or other relevant subject areas. Coverage under NYU’s Student Health Insurance (Basic Plan) is also included in the fellowship package.

Candidates must possess a baccalaureate degree (or expect to receive it in the academic year during which they apply), outstanding grades, and tremendous initiative, energy, and drive. Strong writing and quantitative skills are a must. Under Sloan Foundation guidelines, selected fellows must be citizens of the United States.

Applications are due on or before February 16, 2018. Candidates should submit a CV, academic writing sample, cover letter, and transcript, plus at least one letter of recommendation (sent by the recommender) to: peter.henry@stern.nyu.edu

Candidates can expect decisions by March 30, 2018.

Background and additional information on the Ph.D. Excellence Initiative is published at: <http://www.peterblairhenry.com/phd-excellence-initiative/participants-news/> where you can find profiles of fellows and updates of the Annual Summer Workshop.