

## **Department's Newest Member, Ahmed Mobarak, also a Carnegie Fellowship Recipient**

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[Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak](#), a professor in the School of Management and newly appointed professor in the Department of Economics, received the 2017 Andrew Carnegie Fellowships to fund his research projects.

Mobarak is among 35 recipients of this year's awards, given by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Each fellow will receive up to \$200,000 to pursue significant research and writing in the social sciences and humanities. It is hailed as the most generous stipend of its kind.

By funding the work of emerging and established scholars, journalists, and authors, the Carnegie Fellowships program aims to strengthen U.S. democracy, drive technological and cultural creativity, explore global connections and global ruptures, and improve both natural and human environments.

Mobarak conducts field experiments exploring ways to induce people in developing countries to adopt technologies or behaviors that are likely to improve their welfare. He also examines the implications of scaling up development interventions that are proven effective in such trials. He is currently collaborating with Evidence Action in multiple countries to replicate, test, and scale his research program that encourages rural to urban seasonal migration to counter seasonal poverty. This program, called [No Lean Season](#), is supported by [GiveWell.org](#), Good Ventures and the [Global Innovation Fund](#), and the start-up accelerator Y-Combinator.

Mobarak's research has been published in journals across disciplines, including *Econometrica*, *Science*, *The Review of Economic Studies*, the *American Political Science Review*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and *Demography*. It has been covered by *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, *Science*, NPR, *Wired.com*, BBC, *Wall Street Journal*, the *Times of London*, and other media outlets around the world.

He will use his Carnegie Fellowship to pursue a project titled "The Science of Scaling Up Effective Interventions: An Application to Seasonal Poverty."

A native of Bangladesh, Mobarak, is also affiliated with Yale's MacMillan Center.

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