

## **The PhD Excellence Initiative (PhDEI) Seeks Applicants for its Junior Research Scholar Fellowship in Economics to Begin Summer 2020**

The PhD Excellence Initiative identifies high-achieving students of color and prepares them for the rigors of pursuing a PhD 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 Emeritus of NYU's Stern School of Business. The research fellowship will begin during the summer of 2020. The ideal candidate is intellectually curious, highly motivated, and possesses strong determination to gain admittance to a top-tier PhD program in economics. Initiative participants have gone on to PhD programs at Berkeley, Columbia, Duke, Harvard, MIT, and the University of Minnesota.

Personal involvement is a hallmark of the Initiative. The selected fellow will benefit from a high level of one-on-one mentoring to discuss and receive advice on coursework, research, and publications. During the year, fellows also have access to the Initiative's wider Peer and Mentor Network, beginning with participation in the Initiative's Annual Summer Research Workshop.

In the interest of augmenting skills to fully prepare for the rigors of doctoral work, the selected fellow will be actively involved in 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 academic writing skills and familiarity with the academic publishing process.

Thanks to funding by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and institutional support from NYU, 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.

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 (including recommendation letters) are due on or before FEBRUARY 3, 2020.**  
Complete instructions and requirements are posted at: <https://www.phdexcellence.org/apply>

We look forward to considering all qualified candidates. With all good wishes,

