

NETWORK ON THE SCIENTIFIC WORKFORCE

FELLOWSHIP FOR PhD DISSERTATION

The Network on the Scientific Workforce has received resources from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to support dissertation fellowships. The purpose of the fellowships is to broadly facilitate the research goals of the NBER-Sloan Network on the Scientific Workforce, while at the same time providing valuable assistance to aspiring scholars. We plan to make several awards, ranging from half-year fellowships to up to two years of support (\$7000 minimum to a maximum of \$30,000). The fellowships will not cover tuition. The fellowships are for PhD candidates who have begun the dissertation and/or are nearing completion.

The Network on the Scientific Workforce is currently pursuing a wide range of projects which examine the supply and demand for the scientific workforce. Dissertation projects on the contemporary scientific workforce can come from a variety of social science approaches and disciplines: economics, sociology, political science, history, history of science, psychology, and others. The research should contribute to a better understanding of the ongoing evolution of the scientific workforce.

The fellowships program is administered by Ronald L. Oaxaca (University of Arizona). The selection of fellowships will be made by a three person committee consisting of Sharon G. Levin (University of Missouri), Ronald L. Oaxaca, and Jack Trumbour (The Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard University Law School), all members of the network.

Eligibility for grants is restricted to students who do not already have major dissertation support for the period of the fellowship.

Applications are due December 1, 2002. The committee will notify all applicants of their decision by January 30, 2003.

Applications will require:

1. a dissertation abstract (1-3 paragraphs, with non-technical language);
2. after the abstract, please specify the period of time for which you seek funding;
3. 2-3 page detailed description of the dissertation project;
4. a current curriculum vitae;
5. letters of recommendation from two faculty members familiar with the applicant's qualifications and research potential. Applicants should arrange for the letters to be sent directly to the committee, at the three e-mail addresses given below. Faculty members who prefer to send their recommendations on University stationery may send them to:
Jennifer Amadeo-Holl
NBER
1050 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138
6. a copy of your university transcript, faxed from your registrar to Jennifer Amadeo-Holl at 617-441-3895

Those awarded fellowships will be informed that they should bring to the attention of the selection committee potential sources of conflict with other funding that they may carry. In particular, if they are subsequently awarded National Science Foundation or other major fellowships, the Network fellowship will revert to the Network and will be re-awarded to whoever is ranked highest among previously unsuccessful applicants.

Fellowship recipients may be invited to Network meetings and will thus have opportunities to present work in progress and meet with Network members.

Requests for further information should be made to:
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Submit applications via e-mail, in PDF files or text files, to all of the below e-mails:
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