

JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR
FOUNDATION: NETWORK ON SOCIAL
INTERACTIONS AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

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The Network on Social Interactions and Economic Inequality has received resources from the John D. and Catherine MacArthur Foundation to support dissertation research. The purpose of the fellowships is to broadly facilitate the research goals of the MacArthur Network on Social Interactions and Economic Inequality while at the same time providing valuable assistance to aspiring scholars. Five awards were made in the first year of this program. We plan to make five to seven awards, of \$14,500 each, this year.

The Network on Social Interactions and Economic Inequality is currently pursuing a wide range of projects which examine how various types of sociological and psychological factors influence inequality and social mobility. One purpose of these pre-dissertation fellowships is to ensure that students who are willing to challenge traditional thinking broadly along directions similar to those pursued by network members will have available the resources to do so as productively as possible. The Network is interested in the mentoring of graduate students. These fellowships will facilitate this by freeing graduate students from the burdens of teaching or other work and allow them to concentrate on their research.

The administration of fellowships will be carried out by Steven Durlauf, network co-director, and Yannis Ioannides. The selection of fellowship recipients will be made by a three person committee consisting of

Yannis Ioannides*, Tufts University (economics),

David Harris*, University of Michigan (sociology)

Kenneth West, University of Wisconsin (economist).

* network member

Eligibility for grants is restricted to students of network members and to students of those engaged with network members in research which is germane to social interactions. Subject to this, PhD students from all fields of study will be welcome to apply. Network members will be given wide latitude in suggesting to promising graduate students whom they encounter whom they believe should apply.

A total of 18 fellowships of \$14,500 each will be awarded over the three year duration of the project.

Applications will be due March 31, 2000. Applications will require a dissertation description of no more than 12 pages. The committee will notify all applicants of their decision by May 1. Those awarded fellowships will be informed that if they are subsequently awarded NSF's or Sloan Fellowships, the Network fellowships will revert to the Network and will be re-awarded to whoever is ranked highest among unsuccessful applicants.

Fellowship recipients will be invited to Network meetings and will thus have opportunities to present work in progress, talk with network members, and the like. Participation in these meetings will presumably lead to further interactions between fellowship recipients and network members.

Applications for funding and requests for further information should be made to:

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Applications must follow the above guidelines. Electronic applications must be either in PDF files or ASCII files, and must be accompanied by hardcopy.

MacArthur Social Interactions and Economic Inequality Network membership:

Kenneth Arrow, Stanford	David Austen-Smith, Northwestern
Lawrence Blume, Cornell	Dennis Epple, CMU
Richard Freeman, Harvard	David Harris, Michigan
Caroline Hoxby, Harvard	Yannis Ioannides, Tufts
Michael Kremer, MIT	Robert Mare, UCLA
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