

NETWORK ON SOCIAL INTERACTIONS AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS

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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 pre-dissertation fellowships. 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. We plan to make several awards, of \$ 14,500 each, in the fourth year of this program.

The Network on Social Interactions and Economic Inequality is currently pursuing a wide range of projects which examine how various types of economic, sociological and psychological factors influence inequality and social mobility. For more information about the network's activity, please visit the network's web site at:

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/econ/Durlauf/networkweb1/index.htm>.

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. 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 fellowships program is administered by Steven N. Durlauf, network co-director, and Yannis M. Ioannides, a member of the network. The selection of fellowship recipients will be made by a four person committee consisting of Steven Durlauf, University of Wisconsin, David Harris, University of Michigan, Yannis Ioannides, Tufts University, and Kenneth D. West, University of Wisconsin.

Eligibility for grants is restricted to either students of MacArthur network members or to students of those engaged with network members in research which is germane to social interactions. Subject to this, dissertation students from all fields of study will be welcome to apply. Network members are given wide latitude in suggesting to promising graduate students that they should apply.

We ask each group member to circulate the announcement. Applications will be due **April 4, 2003**. The committee will notify all applicants of their decision by **May 9, 2003**.

Applications will require:

1. a dissertation description of no more than 12 pages;
2. a current curriculum vitae;
3. letters of recommendations from two faculty members familiar with the applicant's qualifications and research potential. Applicants should arrange for the letters to be sent directly to Yannis Ioannides, at the address given below.

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 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 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 and applications for funding and should be made to:

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Applications must follow the above guidelines. Electronic applications will be accepted provided that they are either in PDF files or text files, and must be accompanied by hard copy.