

University of Chicago Pre-doctoral Training Program in Education Sciences

Call for Applications 2011 – 2012 Academic Year

Award

The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in the US Department of Education has established a network of pre-doctoral training programs in US universities. The aim is to help establish “a cadre of education researchers willing and able to conduct a new generation of methodologically rigorous and educationally relevant scientific research that will provide solutions to pressing problems and challenges facing American education.” The IES Pre-doctoral program at the University of Chicago, will award a small number of Fellowships to **new** students admitted during the **2011 – 2012 academic year** to PhD program in the Division of Social Sciences, the Harris School of Public Policy or the Social Services Administration.

Eligibility

The applicant must be US citizen or a permanent resident who is applying to a PhD Program in the Division of Social Sciences, the Harris School of Public Policy Studies, or the School of Social Service Administration for **2011 – 2012 academic year**. Applicants must plan to apply or develop state-of-the-art methods for use in studies of the quality, efficiency, or equity of education.

The Fellowship

Up to five fellowships will be awarded for the **2011 – 2012 academic year**. Each fellowship provides tuition support, a \$30,000 annual stipend, and funds to support research expenses and travel. The maximum duration of the fellowship is five years.

Requirements

Each fellow must take a three-quarter core course in youth development and education policy, a constrained choice of courses in human development, and a required course in experimental design and hierarchical linear models. The plan of coursework, to be completed over several years and in combination with departmental course requirements and timetables, must include courses in the student’s discipline that have relevance for the study of education. Fellows must attend the Education Workshop every quarter.

Fellows will be expected to participate in an apprenticeship in which they will work with experts in the conduct of education research, yielding a portfolio of exemplary work prior to conducting an original dissertation that uses advanced methodological and disciplinary perspectives to address educationally relevant questions.

To Apply

Applicants should submit the following materials to the Office of the Dean of Students office.

1. A letter of interest, explaining how the candidates’ background and current interest fit the purpose of the IES training program;
2. Institute of Education (IES) application.

Information on "How To Apply" is also available at : <http://pirt.wceruw.org/howtoapply.php>.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN THE DIVISION BY DECEMBER 28, 2010.