



## **Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program on the Economics of an Aging Workforce**

To encourage research on the economics of labor market activity by older workers, the NBER, with the generous support of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, is sponsoring a program of dissertation fellowships for doctoral students in economics. The fellowships will be awarded for a two year period, with a review at the end of the first year and the second year award conditional on satisfactory progress in the first year. The selection panel will be chaired by David Card, the Class of 1950 Professor at the University of California-Berkeley and the Director of the Labor Studies Program at the NBER. The other members of the selection panel are: Professor Brigitte Madrian (Harvard University), Professor Olivia Mitchell (University of Pennsylvania), Robert Willis (University of Michigan), and David Wise (Harvard University). Fellows will be selected based on the panel's assessment of their potential to make an important contribution to our understanding of work behavior at older ages.

The subject matter for fellowship research can be any labor market issue that affects older workers, such as the determinant of work and retirement behavior of this group, the role of public policies or workplace attributes in facilitating or discouraging work, age discrimination, or the economic impact of older workers on workplace productivity or broader economic aggregates.

Fellows will have an opportunity to attend and participate in the NBER Summer Institute workshops on Aging and Labor Studies, which are held each summer in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Three fellowships will be awarded for the academic year 2012-2013. Each fellowship will provide a stipend of \$25,000, and will cover the fellow's tuition at his or her home institution, up to a limit of \$12,000 for the academic year. These awards will be announced in January 2012 so that prospective fellows can plan their research time accordingly. Each fellowship will be renewable for the 2013-2014 academic year, subject to satisfactory progress as judged by the selection committee.

To be eligible for fellowship support, an applicant must be enrolled as a full-time Ph.D. student at a North American college or university. Applicants should submit short proposals - no more than three pages of text and two pages of supplemental tables or graphs - to Ms. Gerri Johnson ([gjohnson@nber.org](mailto:gjohnson@nber.org)) no later than December 15, 2011. The applicant should also secure a letter of recommendation from his or her dissertation supervisor, and also ask for this to be sent to Ms. Johnson. Applications will not be considered without a letter of recommendation. Applications that are not complete -- including the letter of recommendation -- on December 15 will not be considered for support.

By May 1, 2013, fellows who receive support during the 2012-13 academic year will need to provide the selection committee (via email to [gjohnson@nber.org](mailto:gjohnson@nber.org)) a copy of at least one research paper on the labor market activity of older workers. This paper must reflect research during the period of fellowship support. The paper will be reviewed by the selection panel, and if the panel determines that the paper represents a substantial contribution to knowledge in the area, the fellow's support will be renewed for a second year.