

Call for Papers

THE ECONOMICS OF HIGH-SKILL LABOR MARKETS

On December 14 and 15, 2007, the National Bureau of Economic Research will hold a Universities' Research Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts on the Economics of High-Skill Labor Markets

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

The program is being organized by Marianne Bertrand of the University of Chicago and NBER, and Paul Oyer of Stanford University and NBER. There will be no published proceedings, but the conference will be summarized in the *NBER Reporter*.

CONFERENCE THEME

The conference will focus on the labor market for high wage and high skill employees. As economies develop, a greater proportion of workers become "knowledge workers." These high-skill workers create new challenges and issues for employers, co-workers, and policy makers. Papers may address a single high-skill occupation (for example, doctors, lawyers, executives, or academics) or high-skill workers more generally. Topics might include (but are not limited to) challenges in recruiting high skill workers, how workers and firms find efficient (or inefficient) employment matches, the types of incentives used in high skill labor markets, the existence of "glass ceilings" (differences related to gender, race, or other factors), and how social connections and networks affect labor market outcomes. Papers that analyze relevant public policy issues, such

as taxation, education subsidies, or discrimination, are also welcome.

SELECTION PROCESS

In keeping with the Bureau's tradition, priority will be given to empirical research or theoretical work with direct empirical applications. We encourage submissions from researchers early in their careers and also from non-NBER affiliates.

Participants will be selected on the basis of papers or abstracts of about 500 words, with a strong preference for papers. Any research that will not be published at the time of the conference can be submitted. The deadline for submissions is September 10. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified by the beginning of October. Final drafts of the papers will be due at the NBER on November 23. The NBER will pay the domestic travel and hotel expenses for one author per paper as well as for discussants at the conference.

Please email your submissions to: rshannon@nber.org in a pdf or Word file. U.S. paper format only please. Please indicate "Universities' Research Conference, December 2007" in the subject heading.