



## **Call for Proposals: Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program on the Economics of High Skill Immigration**

To encourage research on the economics of high-skill immigration, the NBER, with the generous support of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, is sponsoring two one-year dissertation fellowships for doctoral students in economics. The fellowships will be awarded for a one-year period. The selection panel will be chaired by William Kerr (Harvard Business School) and Sarah Turner (University of Virginia). The other panel members will be George Borjas (Harvard Kennedy School), Thomas Lemieux (University of British Columbia), and Paula Stephan (Georgia State University). Fellows will be selected based on the panel's assessment of their potential to make an important contribution to our understanding of the economics of high-skill immigration.

Fellowship recipients are expected to pursue academic research related to the determinants and economic impact of high-skill immigration in science and engineering (S&E) fields. Areas of inquiry may include – but are not limited to – the role of high-skill immigration in post-secondary educational attainment, labor market outcomes, and innovation in S&E fields. Students working in a range of fields including labor, trade, innovation economics, and public economics are encouraged to apply.

Fellows will have an opportunity to attend and participate in NBER Summer Institute workshops, which are held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and will also be included in upcoming invited research conferences focused on high-skill immigration.

Two fellowships will be awarded for the academic year 2014-2015. 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 2014 so that prospective fellows can plan their research time accordingly.

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 one page of supplemental tables or graphs - to Ms. Gerri Johnson (gjohnson@nber.org) no later than Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Applicants should also secure a letter of recommendation from their dissertation supervisor, and ask for this letter to be sent to Ms. Johnson. Applications that are not complete, with the letter of recommendation, on December 17 will not be considered for support.

By May 1, 2015, fellows who receive support during the 2014-15 academic year must provide the selection committee a copy of at least one research paper on the economics of high-skill immigration. This paper must reflect research during the fellowship year.