

Call for Proposals

Innovation Policy and the Economy

The Innovation Policy and the Economy (IPE) Group at the National Bureau of Economic Research seeks to foster research by economists and other social scientists on the interactions between public policy and the innovation process, and to provide communication mechanisms between researchers and the policy community. Interactions between and among researchers and people working in government, business and non-profit organizations can improve the timeliness, policy-relevance and focus of academic research, while easier access to the findings of policy-oriented research can improve public policy decision-making.

As part of the IPE Program, we make grants to support research into innovation policy and entrepreneurship. Two examples of appropriate topics are issues of academic technology transfer and how the patent system affects new and innovative firms.

The IPE Group of the NBER is seeking proposals for 2 grants of \$20,000 each and a post-doctoral fellowship of \$60,000. All are for the academic year of 2009-10. Applicants should submit a proposal not to exceed 2 pages, along with a copy of their curriculum vitae by April 1, 2009. Winners will be notified by April 20, 2009. Grantees are not expected to be resident at the NBER and can use the funds for a variety of purposes, including purchasing data, hiring research assistants, or even "buying out" teaching time. The IPE post-doctoral fellow will be expected to spend the academic year at the NBER, and to spend some time participating in the planning of IPE group activities.

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Please submit your proposal to dhealy@nber.org.