

EPIC Pre-Doctoral Fellowships

The Energy Policy Institute at Chicago (EPIC) invites applications for full-time pre-doctoral fellows for the academic year 2016-17. An interdisciplinary research and training center at the University of Chicago, EPIC is contributing innovative solutions to the global energy challenge: How can we ensure that people around the world, today and in the future, have access to reliable, affordable energy needed for human development without putting our health, environment and climate at risk? Previous results from EPIC projects have been published in leading economics journals, including the American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, and Quarterly Journal of Economics. This work has also been influential with policymakers worldwide and featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and other popular publications.

Successful candidates will report to Michael Greenstone, Milton Friedman Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago and the Director of EPIC. Responsibilities span all stages of research, including managing projects, collecting and analyzing data, creating presentations, and editing manuscripts. Typical research projects involve the analysis of environmental and energy data from the United States, India, China, and other countries utilizing quasi-experimental and experimental methods. In addition to working closely with faculty as research assistants, EPIC Pre-Doctoral Fellows typically attend classes and seminars at EPIC, The University of Chicago, and affiliate institutions.

The program is intended to serve as a bridge between college and graduate school for students interested in empirical economics. People in this or similar positions have gone on to Economics Ph.D. programs at Harvard, MIT, University of Chicago, University of California, Berkeley, and similar schools upon completion of this program.

Applicants must have completed a Bachelors or Master's degree by June 2016 and have strong quantitative and programming skills. Candidates with research experience are strongly preferred, particularly those with experience in Stata, R, or Matlab. The ideal candidate would begin on June 1, 2016 and work for EPIC for one or two years before applying to graduate school in Economics or another quantitative social science. EPIC offers competitive salary and employee benefits.

To apply, please send your resume, transcript, and a writing sample to epic.predoctoralfellowship@gmail.com. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. We intend to announce the 2016-17 EPIC fellows around February 1, 2016.