

ASA/NSF/BLS

Fellowship Program



American Statistical Association
National Science Foundation
Bureau of Labor Statistics

The ASA/NSF/BLS Fellowship Program is designed to improve the collaboration between government and academic research. The program allows research fellows to come to the Bureau of Labor Statistics to use agency data and interact with agency staff.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for fellowships should have academically recognized research records and considerable expertise in their areas of proposed research. They must submit detailed research proposals for competitive evaluation by a program review board representing the agency, ASA, and academia. The proposed projects may be in any area related to survey methods, from concept development to information dissemination. Areas of application include small area estimation, non-sampling error, item imputation, or behavioral science.

Applicants may submit proposals for work on their own or with a qualified graduate student.

Condition of Appointment and Benefits

Research fellows will conduct their research at the Washington, DC headquarters of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The researchers are reimbursed by the ASA and are on a guest worker arrangement with the agency. The stipends received by researchers in this program are commensurate with their qualifications and experience.

Fringe benefits and travel allowances are negotiable. The retention of fringe benefits with the permanent employer usually can be negotiated as well.

Fellowship appointment terms are flexible; the usual term is six months, but can range from four to 12 months. Appointment extensions, split-term appointments, and part-time appointments also are possible.

Application Procedure

Submit the following information via email in one PDF file by

January 27, 2012:

1. A curriculum vitae
2. The names and addresses of three references
3. A detailed research proposal that includes:
 - (a) A short descriptive project title
 - (b) An abstract (one-half page or less)
 - (c) A proposed project term (approximate dates)
 - (d) Background information on research topic, references, etc.
 - (e) A statement of relevant work already accomplished
 - (f) Proposed research with sufficient detail for evaluation of expected results
 - (g) The significance of the expected results and the benefits to BLS
 - (h) The advantages of conducting the research at BLS
 - (i) Resource requirements (including salary, estimated relocation and travel expenses, and research support)

U.S. government employees are not eligible to apply; U.S. citizenship is not required, but applicants must be affiliated with a U.S. institution.

Submit Application Materials to:

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The application deadline is **January 27, 2012**. Final decisions will be made in late spring.

For more information, see the BLS webpage, at http://www.bls.gov/osmr/asa_nsf_bls_fellowship_info.htm.