

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 should have an established research record in their field. They must be employed by a U.S. institution of higher learning or a non-profit institution (IRS code 501(c)(3) entities) and are expected to retain their position for the duration of the fellowship. Fellows will continue to receive their salary and benefits through their institution.

Applicants do not need to be U.S. citizens. Fellows must pass all the requirements for a National Agency Check with Inquiries (NACI) background check and provide adequate forms of identity documentation.

U.S. government employees are not eligible.

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 4, 2021:

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
 - (h) The benefits of the work to BLS
 - (i) The advantages of conducting the research at BLS
 - (j) Resource requirements (including salary, estimated relocation and travel expenses, and research support)

Submit Application Materials to:

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The application deadline is **January 4, 2021**. Final decisions will be made in late spring.

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