ASA/NSF/BLS Fellowship Program

The ASA/NSF/BLS Fellowship Program is designed to improve the collaboration between government and academic research. The program allows research fellows to work with 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.

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
In 2024 the BLS will continue with relocation to the Suitland Federal Center. During this time, fellows will conduct research remotely from their home institution.

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 8, 2024:
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 8, 2024 Final decisions will be made in late spring.

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