Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Center
Graduate Fellows in Research Methods and Data Analysis, 2010-11

Applications due by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 28, 2010

The Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Center announces three fellowship supplements for advanced graduate students for 2010-11. Fellows will work 10-15 hours per week to help organize Center initiatives and provide instructional support for undergraduates. Fellows will be expected to demonstrate a strong interest in various aspects of quantitative and/or qualitative methods as they undertake a wide variety of Center activities over the course of the year. A major task will be organizing and operating the Center’s drop-in and online support service for undergraduate students in research methods and data analysis courses. Other activities include organizing and recording public events (e.g., invited talks), gathering and analyzing information, preparing reports, helping with preparation of materials for workshops and short courses on methods and data analysis topics, assisting in making travel arrangements for invited speakers, scheduling meetings, taking meeting minutes, and handling catering and refreshments for seminars and workshops.

The fellowship supplement will be $4,000 for 10 months (end of August-June). Fellows will also have a $500 stipend for research and conference expenses. Fellows will be supervised by the Center’s Director(s) and members of the Center’s Governing Board.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements listed below. Applications will be evaluated on the basis of demonstrated command of research methods and data analysis (both qualitative and quantitative), organizational skills, interpersonal skills, and experience in working with undergraduates. Members of the Governing Board of the SBSRC will review the application materials, interview candidates, and select the fellows.

Eligibility

(1) Fellows must be enrolled in doctoral programs and must have filed for candidacy by the date of application.

(2) Fellows must be making sufficient progress on their dissertation research and must still be supported on a graduate stipend for the fellowship year since the fellowships are intended as a supplement to (but not as a replacement for) their extant funding.

(3) Fellows should not be receiving financial support other than their graduate stipend from the University.

(4) Preference will be given to applicants who expect to complete their dissertations by the end of the fellowship year.

(5) One Fellow will be selected among applicants from the following doctoral programs in the Rollins School of Public Health: Epidemiology; Biostatistics; Behavioral Sciences and Health Education; Health Policy and Health Services Research; and Nutrition. The other Fellows will be selected from all other applicants.
Application Materials

The application form is available from the following web page:
http://www.graduateschool.emory.edu/resources/financial.php?entity_id=18

The application must include:
1. Graduate School Fellowship Application Cover Sheet, specifying the SBSRC Fellowship (at http://www.graduateschool.emory.edu/uploads/Fellowships/FellCoverSheet%20Fill.pdf).
2. Application Skills Summary (web link)
3. Letter of application that includes:
   a) A description of the applicant’s training and capacities with respect to research methods and data analysis, whether qualitative or quantitative;
   b) Information about the applicant’s organizational and interpersonal skills;
   c) Information about the applicant’s experience in working with undergraduate students;
   d) A brief description of the student’s dissertation work, with a time line for completion of the dissertation.
4. Curriculum vitae of no more than three pages
5. Letter of recommendation from an Emory faculty member, preferably the principal dissertation advisor. The letter should address the applicant's qualifications for the fellowship and progress on the dissertation, including an assessment of the likelihood that the applicant would complete the dissertation by the end of the fellowship year. This letter should be addressed to both Drs. Irwin Waldman and Michael Prietula and emailed to them at psyiw@emory.edu and mj.prietula@emory.edu.

Submit two collated copies of application materials 1-4 to both Co-Directors via email in a folder labeled with your last name, first name, and academic program.

Application materials should be addressed to

Drs. Irwin D. Waldman and Michael J. Prietula, Co-Directors
Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Center
Emory University
Atlanta, GA 30322.

Applications must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010. Electronic submissions only will be accepted, including the letter of recommendation.