

MERCK QUANTITATIVE SCIENCES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN HEALTH ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for the Merck Quantitative Sciences Graduate Fellowship in Health Economics.

The fellowship will provide a stipend of \$10,000 for a year with a chance of renewing the fellowship for a second year. The fellowship is designed to help a 2nd or a higher year doctoral student at the University of Chicago to undertake appropriate year-long training in quantitative health economics and/or to identify and develop a dissertation idea in health economics with a quantitative focus. Additional funds of up to \$1500 for travel to conferences may also be requested. Additional funds for data purchase of up to \$1500 are also available. Students wishing to work with pharmaceutical claims data will be able to obtain access to selected proprietary data sources, such as the Marketscan data produced by Thompson Health Care: <http://pharma.thomsonhealthcare.com/Products/view/?id=71>.

The Merck fellowship will be a supplement to the recipient's current sources of internal and external funding and will not be offered if any of these other sources of funding will be removed or curtailed if the Merck fellowship is received. A progress report at the end of the first year of fellowship and a written plan for the next year is required to be considered for fellowship renewal.

The Merck Fellowship will start January 1, 2009. To apply, please submit the following to Anirban Basu, abasu@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu by 5 PM, November 15, 2008:

1. A Cover Letter and a Curriculum Vitae
2. Transcripts of courses taken in graduate programs to date at the University of Chicago or at any other institution.
3. One page draft of your proposed training and research plans in quantitative health economics during the year of fellowship.
4. A list of all your current sources of funding and a corresponding contact person for each source who can confirm that the funding will not be affected if you are to receive the Merck Fellowship.
5. One or two letters of recommendation.

Fellowship starts: January 1, 2009

For logistical questions about the application process, please contact Dr. Basu by e-mail.
For scientific questions about the fit of your work with this program, please contact either:

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