

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Teaching and Graduate Assistantships

These awards are made by the Economics Department to support the studies of outstanding graduate students. All assistantships carry a stipend, along with a full tuition scholarship and health insurance. The award of an assistantship implies that the student will perform some research, teaching or administrative service for the department. Assistantships are automatically renewed for at least eight semesters, assuming a GPA of at least 3.0, satisfactory academic progress, satisfactory performance of assistantship responsibilities, and availability of funds.

Graduate Scholars Fellowships

These awards are funded by the Graduate School for outstanding applicants to the program. The fellowship is usually offered in addition to an assistantship. Outstanding candidates are automatically selected by the Economics Department.

Economics Fellowships

These fellowships are awarded directly by the Economics Department to outstanding students. The funding is usually in the form of a supplement to an existing assistantship.

Summer Teaching Assignments

Each summer the Economics Department offers a variety of undergraduate courses. Teaching positions in these courses are generally assigned to graduate students who have completed at least two years of study. Each summer term is approximately five weeks long.

[Clifford D. Clark Graduate Fellowships for Under-represented Minorities](#)

These fellowships are provided for outstanding students from groups historically under-represented in the University's graduate and professional programs. Approximately 20 new recipients are supported each year campus wide. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose qualifications include:

- *history of overcoming disadvantage*
- *first-generation college student*
- *raised in a single-parent household; and/or*
- *member of a group historically underrepresented in higher education (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or Hispanic-American)*

Qualified candidates are nominated automatically by the Economics Department. The award includes an academic year stipend, a full tuition waiver, health insurance and a summer stipend. No work is required for the first year of study. In subsequent years students are expected to perform some research or teaching service for the department.

Lovejoy Fellowship

This award, funded in honor of late faculty member Robert Lovejoy and his wife Karen, is made to outstanding Binghamton University undergraduates in economics who elect to pursue an MA degree here as well. The fellowship is given intermittently to extremely qualified students as determined by the faculty.

Adjunct Teaching Appointments

Economics graduate students with successful teaching records who have exhausted their assistantship eligibility may be appointed as adjunct lecturers within the department. Such assignments carry a stipend. Tuition scholarships may also be available.

Research Assistantships

Occasionally faculty obtain grants and are able to hire one or more graduate students to assist them with research related to the scope of the grant. The availability and amount of such funds are determined by the terms of the grant.