Lederman Fellowship Information

Fall 2017

Summary of program. Lederman Fellows receive an award of $5,000 and participate in a program to develop a research paper in law & economics. Lederman Fellows will take a series of courses that provide a foundation in the concepts and methodologies of law & economics. The centerpiece of the fellowship program is a research paper in law & economics that each fellow will develop, advised by a NYU faculty member. Fellows will participate in a series of workshops and colloquium meetings in which they present their work to the faculty directors and other fellows. Further details on the program are provided below.

Area of study. The field of “law & economics” is defined broadly for the purposes of the Lederman Fellowship. A student research project can fit within the program by applying economic methodology (e.g., economic analysis, positive political theory, or empirical analysis) to a research topic in law or by examining a topic in an area of law that implicates economic issues, like corporate law or antitrust.

Program directors. Professors Edward Rock and Ryan Bubb co-direct the fellowship program.

Eligibility. All second-year J.D. students enrolled at NYU School of Law, as well as J.S.D. students prior to their final year at NYU, are eligible to apply. Those selected will hold the status of Lederman Fellow in Law & Economics for their remaining time at NYU. Applications are due in the fall of the 2L year for J.D. students, or the spring of any year prior to their final year for J.S.D. students.

Application: The application is due on Dec. 1, 2017. The application materials are available at http://www.law.nyu.edu/centers/laweconomics/scholarshipsfellowshipsandprizes/incomingandcurrentstudents

Basis for selection. Fellows will be selected based on their demonstrated interest in law & economics and general aptitude for producing a high-quality research paper, as indicated by their research proposal, statement of interest, and transcripts. No prior background in economics is required, only sincere interest in law & economics, broadly defined.

Faculty advisor. To apply for the fellowship, students must have an NYU faculty member agree to advise their proposed law & economics research project for the fellowship.

Amount of award. Fellows will be awarded $5,000 upon completion of all requirements of the program in their 3L year / the second year of the fellowship program.

Credit. Lederman Fellows receive 1 credit in the spring semester of their 2L year and 2 credits over the two semesters of their 3L year.

Program requirements. Current 2Ls who enter the program this year are required to take an approved law school course that applies economic analysis to law (e.g., Lewis Kornhauser’s Economic Analysis of Law, Ryan Bubb’s Behavioral Law and Economics) as well as complete the following program requirements.
• **2L year (first year of the fellowship program for J.S.D. students)**

  **Spring**
  
  o 2L fellows attend the External NYU Law and Economics Workshops on intermittent Wednesdays, 12:45 – 2:00pm (lunch included).
  
  o 2L fellows attend the Lederman Fellows Workshop on intermittent Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:50pm, at which 3Ls will present their draft projects, and 2Ls will present their paper proposals (Milestone #1).

• **3L year (second year of the fellowship program for J.S.D. students)**

  **Fall**
  
  o 3L fellows attend the External NYU Law and Economics Workshops on intermittent Wednesdays, 12:45 – 2:00pm (lunch included).
  
  o Milestone #2: 3L fellows submit a literature review to their faculty advisor and to Stefanie Giordano for the program directors’ feedback by Nov. 1.
  
  o Milestone #3: 3L fellows submit an outline of the paper to their faculty advisor and to Stefanie Giordano for the program directors’ feedback by Dec. 1.

  **Spring**
  
  o 3L fellows attend the External NYU Law and Economics Workshops on intermittent Wednesdays, 12:45 – 2:00pm (lunch included).
  
  o 3L fellows attend the Lederman Fellows Workshop.
  
  o Milestone #4: 3L fellows present their work to 2L and 3L fellows (1 hour per student). (All 3L fellows will attend the meetings in which other fellows present and submit written comments to presenters.)
  
  o 3L fellows attend the workshop in which 2L fellows present their paper proposals.
  
  o Milestone #5: 3L fellows submit their final paper to the program directors.
  
  o Milestone #6: 3L fellows present their work in a final fellowship meeting attended by Lawrence Lederman and Dean Trevor Morrison.
Application for Lederman Fellowship in Law & Economics
Due Dec. 1, 2017

Name: __________________________________________
Student I.D. No. __________________________________
NYU degree program (circle one): J.D. / J.S.D.
Email Address: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________________
Country of Citizenship: ________________________

Year undergraduate degree received: _______________________
Name of undergraduate institution: _______________________
Undergraduate major: _____________________________
Undergraduate G.P.A.: _____________________________

Year graduate degree received or expected: _______________________
Graduate degree (e.g., M.A., Ph.D.): _______________________
Name of graduate institution: ____________________________
Graduate field: _________________________________
Graduate G.P.A.: _____________________________

List any NYU student journals of which you are a member:

One sentence summary of proposed topic of your fellowship paper:

Faculty advisor. We encourage applicants to seek out a faculty advisor for their paper prior to applying. However, students who are unable to find a faculty advisor by the time
the application is due are nonetheless encouraged to apply. The faculty directors of the program will assist selected fellows in finding a faculty advisor as needed.

For applicants who have found an advisor, please write their name below and have them sign in the space provided.

Faculty advisor for fellowship paper: _______________________________________

Faculty advisor’s signature indicating that they have read your research proposal and are willing to serve as an advisor:

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Please attach the following:

1. A copy of your undergraduate transcript.
2. A copy of any graduate transcripts.
3. A copy of your NYU School of Law transcript (Albert version is fine).
4. A list of the courses for which you are currently registered for the current academic year.
5. A 1-2 page description of the law & economics research project you propose to undertake as a Lederman Fellow.
6. A 1-page statement of interest describing why you are interested in the Lederman Fellowship Program (and in law & economics more generally).
7. Optional: A writing sample of a previous research paper you have written (does not have to be a law & economics paper, but a law & economics paper would be best).

Please submit your completed application in electronic form to Stefanie Giordano, stefanie.giordano@nyu.edu.