Lederman Fellowship Information

Fall 2020

Summary of program. Lederman Fellows receive an award of $5,000 and participate in a program designed to help you develop substantial research paper in law & economics over the course of three semesters. Fellows are admitted to the program beginning in the spring of their 2L year. Lederman Fellows take a series of courses that provide a foundation in the concepts and methodologies of law & economics.

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 any field of 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 are eligible to apply. Those selected will hold the status of Lederman Fellow in Law & Economics for their remaining time at NYU.

Application: The application is due on Dec. 4, 2020 before noon. The application materials are available at https://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. Each Lederman Fellow will have a faculty advisor for their research project. Applicants are encouraged to seek out a faculty advisor who can advise you on your research proposal for the application. Fellows can also wait to find an advisor for the paper until after they are admitted to the program, and the program co-directors can help fellows find an appropriate advisor.

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 for attending the Lederman Fellows Workshop, described in more detail below.
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 Private Law, Ryan Bubb’s Economic Analysis of Public Law) as well as complete the program requirements detailed below.

Please note: Attendance at the Lederman Fellows Workshop in the spring of your 2L year and both semesters of your 3L year is required. The Lederman Fellows Workshop has historically met on Wednesday afternoons. Accepted fellows must commit to participating in the Lederman Fellows Workshop upon admission to the program. Prospective applicants should consider whether they have existing commitments that would prevent them from being able to do so.

- **2L year**
  - **Spring**
    - Attend at least four out of seven meetings of the External Law & Economics Workshop on intermittent Wednesdays, (historically this has met 12:45 – 2:00pm---with free lunch included!).
    - Attend Lederman Fellows Workshop (usually scheduled for 2:10pm) on the seven Wednesdays that the External Law & Economics Workshop meets (whether or not you have attended the External Law & Economics Workshop that day). These meetings will involve brief discussion of the paper presented that day in the External Law & Econ Workshop and presentations by fellows of their own research projects followed by discussion. These sessions will run on average about 45 minutes per session, but some meetings will be longer (ending no later than 4pm) and some will be shorter.
    - **Milestone #1**: 2Ls will present their paper proposals to the other fellows in the Lederman Fellows Workshop.
  - **3L year (second year of the fellowship program for J.S.D. students)**
    - **Fall**
      - Attend at least four out of seven meetings of the External Law & Economics Workshops on intermittent Wednesdays, (historically this has met 12:45 – 2:00pm---with free lunch included!)
      - Attend Lederman Fellows Workshop (usually scheduled for 2:10pm) on the seven Wednesdays that the External Law & Economics Workshop meets (whether or not you have attended the External Law & Economics Workshop that day). **These meetings are required.**
      - **Milestone #2**: 3L fellows submit a literature review to their faculty advisor and
to Ryan Gibson for the program directors’ feedback by Nov. 1.

- **Milestone #3**: 3L fellows submit an outline of the paper to their faculty advisor and to Ryan Gibson for the program directors’ feedback by Dec. 1.

**Spring**

- Attend at least four out of seven meetings of the External Law Economics Workshops on intermittent Wednesdays, 12:45 – 2:00pm (lunch included).

- Attend Lederman Fellows Workshop at 2:10pm on the seven Wednesdays that the External Law & Economics Workshop meets (whether or not you have attended the External Law & Economics Workshop that day).

- **Milestone #4**: 3L fellows present their papers to 2L and 3L fellows.

- **Milestone #5**: 3L fellows submit their final paper to the program directors.

- **Milestone #6**: 3L fellows present their work in a final fellowship meeting attended by Lawrence Lederman.
Application for Lederman Fellowship in Law & Economics
Due Dec. 4, 2020

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 Ryan Gibson, Ryan.Gibson@nyu.edu