EITM Certification Scholarships: A New Opportunity to Attend ICPSR and EITM Tuition-Free

Over the past decade, hundreds of graduate students in political science have participated in Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) summer institutes. These institutes are held at universities across the country, and improve participants’ ability to address a wide range of important research questions. Participants emerge from EITM summer institutes better able to leverage interactions between theoretical models that clarify relevant logical relationships and empirical endeavors that clarify critical implications of observation and data.

At the same time, some students who might benefit from participating in an EITM Summer Institute have felt underqualified or unwelcomed. It is time to change that situation.

Introducing the EITM Certification Scholarships

To expand the pool of students who can benefit from what EITM has to offer, the EITM Certification Scholarships provide funds for students to attend classes at the ICPSR Summer Program. An EITM Certification Scholarship is not required to attend an EITM Institute, instead it is a completely new way to benefit from EITM.

Scholarships are the focus of the new program. Every year, EITM will select a minimum of five students to receive EITM Certification Scholarships. Each scholarship will cover tuition for up to two four-week sessions of the next ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan (this call for applications covers fees for the 2011 ICPSR Summer Program). For scholarship winners who take the typical course load of two workshops per ICPSR session, the scholarship will cover tuition for four workshops as well as any additional lectures and sessions they may want to attend during each of the ICPSR sessions.

Applications are currently closed for EITM Certification Scholarships to the 2011 ICPSR Summer Program. But, the EITM Certification Scholarships will also be available for the next four years, from 2012 through 2015. Information about eligibility and application procedures for 2012 will be available in late fall, 2011. Interested applicants should check back with the EITM program (eitm@eitminstitute.org) at that time.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The EITM Certification Program is a partnership between the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research and the EITM Summer Institutes based at the University of Chicago (2011), Princeton University (2012), the University of California-Berkeley (2013), Duke University (2014) and the University of Michigan (2015). For information about our 2011 EITM Institute at the University of Chicago, please visit http://harrisschool.uchicago.edu/Blogs/EITM/

About EITM’s Leadership

The EITM Leadership Team includes Principal Investigators Scott Ashworth (University of Chicago), Ethan Bueno de Mesquita (University of Chicago), Brandice Canes-Wrone (Princeton University), Scott de Marchi (Duke University), Sean Gailmard (University of California-Berkeley), Arthur Lupia (University of Michigan) Adam Meirowitz (Princeton University) and Administrative Coordinator Jill Wittrock (University of Michigan).

Please direct all inquiries about the EITM Summer Institutes and the EITM Certification Scholarships to eitm@eitminstitute.org. EITM PIs and staff are committed to providing valuable learning and mentorship opportunities to scholars from diverse demographic backgrounds.