

Graduate Teaching Fellowships

CERGE-EI Foundation announces teaching fellowships for graduate students available for the 2009/2010 academic year. The purpose of the fellowship is to help improve the quality of economics education in Central and Eastern Europe. The donor who provided funds for the fellowships believes that CERGE-EI can supply high-quality instructors who can make a difference at other universities in the region.

The fellowships will sponsor advanced CERGE-EI students and CERGE-EI alumni to teach economics (broadly defined) courses at other universities. The fellowship is **\$2,400 per course**. About 30-33 courses will be sponsored. It is expected that a fellow will teach one or two courses during the academic year. Typically the universities pay additional compensation from their own sources. Fellows who are required to work as TA/RA/AA at CERGE-EI are released from the TA/RA/AA work for one semester (4 months), irrespective of the number of courses taught. The fellowships constitute part of the financial aid provided to students in their 4th and 5th year.

To help students better prepare for their teaching assignments, the English Department organizes a Course on Effective Teaching consisting on several classes and practice sessions in a single week. It is preliminarily scheduled for August 24-29, 2010. All fellows are required to take the course unless they had taken it before.

Eligibility:

- Internal and external students who have passed the Dissertation Proposal by the time of application are eligible. CERGE-EI alumni are also eligible.
- Approval from the Chair of the Dissertation Committee is required
- Bachelors and masters level courses in economics (incl. applied fields or econometrics) taught at any non-profit (private or public) university in any Central or Eastern European country including those in the former Soviet Union.
- An eligible course must contain sufficient amount of off-classroom activities that induce students to continuously study and get familiarized with the material. Examples include weekly exercise sessions or frequent (at least bi-weekly) homework that counts towards the grade. Courses consisting with just one lecture per week and exams are not eligible.
- It is not required that a fellow teaches all courses at a single university

Selection criteria: All else equal, preference is given to:

- Courses covering principles or applications of economics over technical courses (e.g. BA-level Micro, Macro, or Public Finance over Time Series Econometrics for Financial Markets)
- Courses with large student enrollment
- Diversity of universities covered will also be considered – you increase your chances by proposing a course at a university where no or only few other CERGE-EI Fellows teach, especially outside Prague
- Applicants with strong teaching credentials (based in part on prior TA evaluations, course grades, and prior teaching experience)
- The plan is to first to allocate one fellowship to each student applicant who will be in the 4th and 5th year in the 2010/2011 (provided that the proposed course and the applicants' teaching credentials are acceptable). For the remaining fellowships, the preference is given to more senior students.

Administration of the fellowships:

- Applications (below) and CVs should be submitted to libor.dusek@cerge-ei.cz by email with a cc: to michael.jetton@cerge-ei.cz. The deadline is **May 22, 2010**.
- The Chair of the Dissertation Committee should email his approval of the application by the deadline. It is advisable to obtain the chair's approval before pre-contacting any university. The suggested text of the email is "I approve that student ABD teaches course(s) X at university Y under the Teaching Fellowships program in 2009/2010. Professor PQR."
- Each applicant is free to find his/her own teaching arrangement at any university. However, in order to simplify the matching of supply and demand we have pre-contacted a number of universities. The list of the universities and the courses that they would like to have covered is provided below.

- It is required that the applicant makes an arrangement with the university prior to submitting the application. A confirmation that the university is interested in having a course taught by the applicant and will hire him/her if awarded the fellowship must be submitted with the application (e.g. a copy of the relevant email correspondence between the applicant and the university).
- The selection committee (President of the CERGE-EI Foundation, Teaching Fellows Mentor, and the DDGS) will select the fellows and notify all applicants by May 30. The fellowships are awarded for specified courses at specified universities.
- If for some reason the sponsored course is cancelled, the fellow arrange for an alternative course (subject to the approval by the selection committee) or the fellowship will be awarded to applicants who were not satisfied in the original selection.

Special rules for CERGE-EI Alumni:

- CERGE-EI Alumni (with a Ph.D. or M.A. degree) are also eligible for the Graduate Teaching Fellowships under the same terms. They are intended primarily for the alumni who work in the private or government sector but teach on a part-time or irregular basis. The alumni with full-time positions are encouraged to apply for the [Post-Graduate Fellowships](#) instead.
- The application procedures are also the same with only minor modifications: Of course, the recommendation from the dissertation chair is not required, and the requirement to attend the Course of Effective Teaching may be waived upon request in justified circumstances.

[Application form](#)

[Detailed rules and requirements for the fellows](#)

[Universities seeking CERGE-EI students as lecturers](#) – continuously updated, waiting for additional info from some universities