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News

Spring Quarter Start Date

The first day of Spring Quarter is Tuesday, April 1. But on the first day, classes that normally meet on Mondays are held. The first TTh classes are on the Thursday, and MW classes meet TW in the first week.

Faculty News

Recruitment of both junior and senior tenure-line faculty is ongoing with several potential faculty members deciding whether to accept our offer.

This summer we welcome **Kunal Sangani** as an Assistant Professor who was hired during last years' junior tenure-line search. He completed his PhD at Harvard University in 2024 and is currently doing a post-doc year at Stanford University. His work focuses on macroeconomics and finance.

We recently concluded a search for a teaching track faculty member and hired **Chiara Sotis** as an assistant professor of instruction. Most recently she held a similar position at the London School of Economics. She is active in environmental and behavioral economics.

Faculty Honors

Congratulations to **Matthew Rognlie** as a recipient of a Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship.

Visitors and Postdocs

Five of our existing visitors and postdocs remain with us for the rest of the academic year. They are industrial

organization economist **Jean-François Houde** from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, theorist **Dong Wei** from the University of California, Santa Cruz, postdoc macro-economists **Ryungha Oh** and **Jaeun Seo**, and postdoc historian **Jesse McDevitt-Irwin**. In addition, labor economist **Abi Adams-Prassl** from the University of Oxford will be in the department on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Spring Quarter.

Three additional visitors are joining us for Spring Quarter They are

economic historians **Philipp Ager** from the University of Mannheim and **Rui Esteves** from the Geneva Graduate institute, and theorist **Pau Milán** from the Barcelona School of Economics.

Returning to joining us again this Spring is **Oren Levintal** from Reichman University in Israel. He is teaching an undergraduate course on the economic history of Israel.

Placement Report

Professor **Alessandro Pavan**, Director of Graduate Placement, reports that the market has been competitive this year, perhaps more so than in the last years, with fewer academic positions, postdocs, and jobs in the tech industry. The demand by the Federal Reserve system was extremely low. Most institutions now recruit on multiple rounds, making the entire process longer and less predictable than in the past. Interviews were virtual, and flyouts were in person. The supply side of the market was normal. The postdoc market remains very unstructured, with positions appearing at various stages of the process and with less publicity

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than in the past. Most of our candidates have received offers and secured jobs. A few are still searching, but this is normal as the process continues till the end of March.

While a few students are still finalizing their decisions, we are happy to report the following outcomes. Academic appointments are in the economics department except where noted.

Juan Felipe Berrutti - Analysis Group, San Francisco

Michael Cai - Rutgers University

Kwok Yan Chiu - University of Mannheim, Germany (postdoc)

Devis Decet - Bocconi University, Italy (postdoc)

Anastasiia Evdokimova - Yale University (postdoc)

Yijun Liu - University of Notre Dame

Edmund Lou - University of Auckland, New Zealand

Kyohei Okumura - University of Wisconsin - Madison (business school)

Giovanni Pisaurò - Cornerstone Research, New York City

Jose Salas - Cornerstone Research, Chicago

Miguel Santana - Bank of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Giovanni Sciacovelli - International Monetary Fund, Washington DC

Tomer Yehoshua-Sandak - University of Chicago (teaching track)

During the latter part of Spring Quarter, we will hold an orientation session for students who intend to be on the job market next year or are curious about what it entails. Look for an announcement by e-mail.

Eisner and Bies Awards

Each year the Department awards:

- **Eisner Fellowship** covering stipend and tuition for three quarters to a student who has distinguished themselves in *both* teaching and research.

- **Bies Prizes** offering a research account for the best public policy papers presented as part of the Economics 501 seminar.

The faculty nominate candidates for the Eisner Fellowship, and students can nominate themselves for the Bies Prizes. The nomination period runs from June 1 to July 15.

A committee, chaired by Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) **Federico Bugni** meets in late July, and the winners are announced by July 31 with the formal awards given out at our Fall reception. More on our [website](#).

For Your Information

Dissertation Prospectus

Third-year students should have been thinking about preparing to form a dissertation committee and preparing a dissertation prospectus.

We have posted information on the administrative procedures on our web page in the section on [goals for second- and third-year students](#). The prospectus must be completed by August 31 to signify good progress.

Note the rules on committee composition. All dissertation committee chairs must hold a tenure-line appointment in the Economics Department or have a voted courtesy appointment in the Economics Department. If the committee chair holds a courtesy appointment, at least one other member of the committee must hold a tenure-line appointment in the Economics Department. Exceptions to these conditions are only permissible with prior written approval of the DGS.

Carrel Office Allocations for Fall

In August, an on-line process allows older graduate students to re-optimize the carrel room they occupy, and current first-year students to select vacant carrels. Look for e-mails about this in early August. Students move to

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their new carrels in the period between Labor Day and the start of Fall Quarter classes.

Help and Support

We have collated together a listing of help and support resources, both within the department and within the university. It is in the [Graduate > Current Student Resources](#) part of our website, and also in the *Graduate Student Handbook*.

Graduate Student Opportunities Website

The Department has a website for graduate students with information on:

- Conferences
- Resources at NU
- Fellowships
- Programming at NU
- Events outside NU
- Counseling Services (CAPS)
- Job Opportunities

See the weekly update e-mail or visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/nuecon-grad-opportunities/home>

For Those Serving as RAs or TAs

The department has prepared handbooks for those serving as Research Assistants (RAs) or Teaching Assistants (TAs). In addition to containing practical information, these documents contain information on these positions required as part of the collective bargaining agreement with NUGW-UE. These manuals are an integral part of your appointment letters. Read them at:

- [Teaching Assistant Manual](#)
- [Research Assistant Manual](#)

Calendar & Events*Visit Day*

The in-person visit day for admitted prospective PhD students is on Wednesday April 9. In the coming week you will receive an e-mail from Lola Ittner looking for volunteers to speak as panel members, or as a participant in small group meetings. If you are willing, please contact her by March 14th. Additionally, there will be a reception that night in White Auditorium which you are all encouraged to attend.

Economic History Conference

The Center for Economic History hosts an international conference on James A. Robinson's book manuscript *Wealth in People: An Interpretation of Africa* on Friday and Saturday, March 28-29 in KGH 3301. Details at this [link](#).

Schwartz Lecture

The annual lecture organized by the Kellogg School of Management to honor the late Nancy Schwartz is at 5:15PM on Thursday April 15 in this building (room to be announced). This year's lecturer is **Douglas Diamond** of the University of Chicago. His talk is titled "The Long and Short of Financial Development." There is a reception beforehand starting at 4:30PM. Free registration at this [link](#).

Macroeconomics Conference Honoring Robert Gordon

The Department is holding a one-day conference on Friday April 25 honoring **Robert Gordon** who is retiring at the end of this academic year. Details and a schedule are forthcoming.

Second- & Third-Year Town Hall Meetings

Mandatory meetings (unless you are holding a discussion section) for second- and third-year students are on Wednesday April 30. DGS **Federico Bugni** and Associate Chair **Ian Savage** cover important deadlines, degree requirements, and good-progress milestones. They can also answer your questions.

The meetings are in KGH 1410. Third-year students should attend from 12:00NOON. to 12:30PM (immediately after the 501 seminar), and second-year students from 12:30PM to 1:00PM.

Econometrics Conference Honoring Joel Horowitz

The Center for Econometrics is holding a conference on Friday and Saturday May 9-10 in KGH 1410 honoring **Joel Horowitz** who is retiring at the end of next academic year (August 2026). Details and schedule at this [link](#).

Field Orientation

During the Spring Quarter, we are holding a series of sessions for first year students discussing what to expect in the second and third year of our program and inviting faculty from the various field options in Economics and Kellogg to describe the field courses and answer your questions. Look for an announcement in the coming weeks.

Job Market Orientation

In early May we will hold an introductory orientation meeting for students who are thinking about going on the market next year. Look for an announcement on the time and place in your e-mail.

Classical Economic History Conference

The Center for Economic History hosts a conference on classical economic history on Friday, May 23 in KGH 1410. Details at this [link](#).

International Transportation Economics Association (ITEA)

ITEA is hosting its annual conference in this building on Wednesday through Friday June 25-27. Free registration is offered to graduate students who are willing to act as helpers giving directions and managing the session rooms. Contact [Ian Savage](#) if you are interested. Details at this [link](#). There is also an associated summer school earlier in the week featuring the leading names in transportation economics providing a graduate level introduction to academic research on transportation economics, including recent advances in the field. The curriculum is under the school tab at this [link](#). ITEA can provide free scholarships to a limited number of NU PhD students. Contact [Ian Savage](#) if you are interested.

Summer!

Friday June 13: Last day of Spring Quarter exams.

Tuesday June 17: Grades due - TAs must be available in Evanston until 3PM.

Tuesday September 16: First day of Fall Quarter. TAs must be in Evanston to commence duties.

2025-26 Quarter Dates

Fall: **Tues** Sept 16 - Fri Dec 12 *

Winter: Mon Jan 5 - Fri March 20

Spring: **Tues** March 31 - Fri June 12

* Due to a calendar abnormality, there are no classes on the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving this year. This is a one-time event and not a permanent change to the Fall Quarter calendar.

Attention Next Year's TAs

If you expect to be a TA next fall you need to be aware of the following arrangements:

The online TA Preference Form is posted about August 15. Allocations are made about September 2.

New TA Training is held in-person during the week of September 8. The Searle Center has yet to set the exact date. If you believe that you will be serving as a TA for the first time next year, please arrange your schedule so that you are available in Evanston that week. We will let you know as soon as the Searle Center has set a date.

First day of class is Tuesday September 16. You need to be physically present in Evanston by this date to conduct TA duties.

Next Holiday Season All TAs must be in Evanston until Monday 3PM on December 15 to complete grading duties. If you are making holiday travel arrangements, please ensure that you are still in Evanston until this date. In addition, you need to be back in Evanston by Sunday night, January 4 for the start of winter classes the following day.

TA Duties in Other Departments Our policy is that any other Departments that wish to hire an Economics student as a Teaching Assistant must discuss this with us and not approach students directly. We need to ensure that our faculty teaching for this Department or MMSS receive priority. It is inappropriate for graduate students to conduct private arrangements to TA for faculty in other departments. If you are approached in this way, direct the faculty member to contact our Associate Chair.

Save the Date

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday November 6-8: The Erwin Plein Nemmers Prize in Economics winner, Michael Woodford of Columbia University is giving his Nemmers lecture in the late afternoon of Thursday November 6. This is followed by a conference on Friday and Saturday morning. More details in the September *Graduate Connection*.

Graduation!

Graduating Students

If you are leaving us this summer, look for an e-mail later next quarter with information on returning keys and providing us with forwarding and contact information.

Graduate School Deadlines

Deadlines for students wishing to receive a MA or PhD degree in June: The deadline for the Application for a Degree has already passed:

May 9: Completed dissertation and all supporting materials for the PhD degree.

May 16: Final examination report and any change of grade forms for the MA degree.

And for students graduating in early September:

July 11: Application for a Degree.

August 8: Completed dissertation and all supporting materials for the PhD degree.

August 22: Final examination report and any change of grade forms for the MA degree.

Commencement Arrangements

Friday June 13, 2PM to 4PM in Ryan Fieldhouse. The Graduate School "hooding ceremony." At this event, your advisor presents you with your degree. If you are expecting to

graduate this June, now is the time to ensure that your advisor is available and willing to attend. If they are unavailable, then you should ask for one of your other committee members to substitute.

Sunday June 15 at 10:30AM at the United Center in Chicago. The main Commencement ceremonies.

Late in April students expecting to graduate in June receive information about ordering academic costume and other information such as Commencement ticket information.

Good Progress

Annual Progress Review

TGS requires that students receive annual feedback on their progress. In Economics this is done (for students currently in years two and above) by meeting with a faculty member and obtaining their signature certifying that you have met specific milestones. The forms can be signed electronically.

In late May, an e-mail explains the specific requirements for your year. In general, the cutoff date for meeting the deadline for the signature is July 31. However, the cutoff date for third years (for their prospectus) is August 31.

In summary the milestones for good progress are:

Current First Years: Your course grades are your measure of good progress. No signed forms are needed. After Spring grades are filed, students receive a letter indicating their candidacy status. Students should also note that most second years are funded as Teaching Assistants and to do so they must meet the [TGS language requirement](#).

Current Second Years: Reviewed their progress in their field courses with a faculty member and had a draft 501 paper approved.

Current Third Years: Dissertation prospectus defended by August 31,

and the completion of course work and two 501 papers.

Current Fourth Years: Certification by your committee chair of a paper of suitable quality to form at least one chapter of a dissertation. The committee chair can also indicate whether you are expected to be on the job market.

Current Fifth Years and above: Unless you are graduating this summer, certification by your dissertation committee chair that you are making good progress and whether you will be on the job market.

You will be sent the link to the form that needs to be signed, and they are also posted on our [website](#).

Continuation Rules

These rules are departmental rules and are stricter than standard TGS milestones. As such they are not extended by the TGS COVID-19 deadline extension policy for students in the class of 2019 and earlier. See the [Departmental policy on individual extensions](#).

Candidacy: All qualifying examinations, defined as achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in each core area, must be completed by the end of the Spring Quarter of the second year of study. There is no additional remediation period associated with this milestone.

Dissertation Prospectus: Students must complete the taught courses and have their prospectus approved no later than the end of the Fall Quarter in their fourth year of study (13th quarter of study). Any student not meeting this milestone is placed on probation. A student then has at most two quarters, which is the say the end of the Spring Quarter in their fourth year (15th quarter of study), to resume satisfactory academic standing.

Good Progress on Dissertation:

Students in their fifth year and above (students entering sixth or higher year) must be certified as making “good progress” on their dissertation by July 31 at the end of each year. Any student not meeting this milestone is placed on probation. A student who fails to resume satisfactory academic standing after at most two quarters, which is the say the last date of the following Winter Quarter, is excluded from the program and Northwestern University.

Teaching

Next Year’s Course Schedule

We are working on the teaching schedule for next year. It will be posted on our website at the start of Spring Quarter.

Maintaining Full-time Status

You must be registered for at least three course credits each quarter to be considered a full-time student.

First-year students are automatically full time in Fall, Winter, and Spring as they are registered for 410, 411 and 480.

For students in years 2 and 3 in Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters, if you are registered for two courses add 1 unit of Economics 590. If you are registered for one or zero courses add TGS 500. TGS 500 is listed for zero credits but assures full-time status (and allows registration in up to one course).

Students in years 4 and above should register for TGS 500 (or TGS 512 in certain circumstances) which is considered a full-time registration.

Summer Registration

Students in all years should register for TGS 500 in summer quarter if they are funded.

Incomplete Grades

The Department has a policy to avoid excessive awarding of incomplete grades. Please see our [web site](#) for a complete statement. Report any problems to the DGS.

This Quarter’s Course Descriptions

Note that in the first week, MW classes meet on TW, and TTh classes meet on Th only.

Advice on Field Sequences

The Department has guidance on [acceptable field course sequences](#). These are posted in the Graduate > Degree Requirements and Goals > Second- and Third-Year Goals section of our website.

Department of Economics Classes

Economics 412-3

Economic Theory and Methods

Professor Olszewski

TTh 3:30-5:20

KGH 3301

Three quarters of the course covers some fundamental, traditional tools of microeconomic theory. These tools have been applied in other areas of economics. Thus, the course may be useful for students not planning to specialize in microeconomic theory. The topics to be covered include experimentation, evaluating design by its performance in the worst cases, contests, hierarchies of beliefs and non-common priors.

Evaluation is based on two take-home problem sets.

Economics 414-3

Economics of Information

Professor Pavan

MW 1:30-3:20

KGH 23301

The course focuses on various areas at the frontier of information economics: such as robustness in contracting and information design, limited commitment and renegotiation, inattention and information acquisition, disclosure and privacy in mechanism design, games with population dynamics, adversarial coordination and information design, and competing principals. Students will be introduced to key tools in these areas and then learn how to apply them to concrete problems of interest in various fields.

Evaluation is by a final project on a topic selected by the student jointly with the instructor, with possibly, a few problem sets that can be solved in teams.

Economics 416-3

Advanced Macroeconomics

Professor Angeletos

TTh 1:30-3:20

KGH 3301

This course focuses on the role of coordination, information, expectations, and bounded rationality. Topics include beauty contests, global games, bubbles, speculation, rational inattention, higher-order uncertainty, and various behavioral biases. The primary applications are drawn from macroeconomics, but the tools and insights are of general interest and applicability.

Economics 425-3

Development Economics

Professor Sharma

MW 9:00-10:50

KGH 3301

This course studies firms in developing countries. Topics covered include misallocation, technology adoption, market power, and firms in the labor market.

Evaluation is based on a combination of referee reports, class readings and participation, and a research proposal.

Economics 440-1

Labor Economics

Professor Jácome

TTh 9:00-10:50

KGH 3301

This class covers core topics in the field of labor economics and offers an overview of approaches for thinking about the determinants of income. The first few weeks focus on human capital investment, persistence of income across generations, and the importance of neighborhoods and local shocks. The second half of the course covers the economics of immigration, discrimination, and crime.

Classes consist of lectures in addition to class presentations and discussions. Evaluation is based on class participation, two practice referee reports, and a research paper proposal. The proposals are presented in the final two classes to gain feedback from peers.

Economics 450-3

Industrial Organization

Professor Hendel

TTh 11:00-12:50

KGH 1410

The course is mostly empirical covering dynamic IO applications (single agent and games), contracts, and some recent applications in environmental economics and monopsony power in labor markets. The first few weeks are devoted to theory.

Evaluation is based on problem sets and class presentation.

Economics 460-1

International Economics

Professor Matsuyama

M 4:30-6:20

KGH 3301

W 4:00-5:50

This is a course in international trade and economic growth. The goal is to understand how interactions between countries, regions, and cities (mostly through trade in goods, but also through factor movements, and technology transfers/diffusions) affect their growth and structural transformation performances. To this end, the course reviews some workhorse models of economic growth and structural transformation and those of international trade (possibly also economic geography, and regional/urban economics) which have been developed separately. Then, the course looks at several recent attempts to integrate these models to understand their interactions.

Even though most existing studies heavily rely on the assumption of CES, this assumption is, while tractable, highly restrictive. One exciting recent development in this area is to explore the role of non-CES to capture some new mechanisms. For this reason, about five lectures are spent on non-CES demand systems.

Depending on enrollment, the plan is for 12 to 14 lectures by the instructor, followed by 4 guest lectures (by 3 guest speakers, Ippei Fujiwara, Marti Mestieri, and Dalton Zhang, a 4th year student who took this class two years ago), and finally student presentations on some selected papers.

Evaluation is based on class participation and class presentation.

Other Departments' Classes

See the Department's [field sequence guidance](#) before registering for any of these classes.

HDSP 430-0

Economics of Social Policy

Professor Jackson

M 9:00-11:50

ANN 345

For AY 2024-25, this course is approved for either the applied microeconomics or the public economics field sequences. This course introduces students to the economic frameworks and analytical tools essential for evaluating public policy, social policy, and education policy. Students explore foundational theories in microeconomics, labor economics, public finance, and contract theory as they relate to policy analysis. Alongside these theoretical foundations, the course highlights recent empirical research on pressing social policy issues, with topics chosen based on current policy debates.

Covered topics include crime, income support programs, in-kind benefits, minimum wages, housing policy, education policy, and social insurance. Key economic concepts covered include constrained choice, theory of the firm, price theory, market failures (such as externalities, spillovers, market power, and public goods), asymmetric information, and incomplete contracts. Students gain a robust toolkit for analyzing and understanding contemporary economic and social policy.

Finance 585-3

Asset Pricing

Professors Andersen / Jiang /

Papanikolaou

W 1:30-4:30

KGH 4302

The course explores frontier topics in asset pricing. It equips students with the tools to analyze financial markets through both theoretical and empirical lenses. Topics include volatility,

options, factor models, demand-based asset pricing, limits to arbitrage, incomplete information, the role of financial intermediaries, and the intersection of asset pricing with production and labor income risk.

Evaluation is based on problem sets.

Finance 586-3

Corporate Finance

Professor Milbradt

T 4:00-8:00PM

KGH 4302

No description received.

MECS 540-2

Political Economy II: Conflict and Cooperation

Professor Baliga

T 3:30-6:30

KGH 4273

This course offers a theoretical treatment of conflict. Strategic interaction within and across nations involves conflict and cooperation. Disagreement between a country's population and its leadership can cause internal conflict, oppression, and terrorism. Disagreement between countries can lead to war, costly arms races and impede economic development. Conflict often arises even though there is some cooperative solution that would have satisfied all the relevant actors. The course studies the fundamental causes of conflict (positive analysis) and possible solutions that create cooperation (normative analysis).

Evaluation is based on in-class presentations of papers or new research ideas that might form part of a dissertation.

MECS 550-2

Economic Theory: Advanced Topics in Game Theory

Professor Tahbaz-Salehi

M 1:30-4:30

KGH 4301

The course concerns the theory of production networks. It focuses on how microeconomic interactions between economic units (firms, industries, and countries) shape macroeconomic outcomes. While the primary applications are mostly from macroeconomics, the theoretical frameworks and insights are drawn from micro, macro, and network theory.

The course primarily consists of lectures, but there are student presentations of relevant reading materials. Students are expected to prepare a research proposal.

MECS 560-3

Research in Economics

Various faculty

This is a Kellogg first-year course and is not appropriate as an Economics field course.

MECS 570-2

Economics of Organizations: Organizational Dynamics

Professor Barron

TTh 1:30-3:00

KGH 5301

No description received.

Econ 501 Seminar*Spring Schedule*

This Spring the seminar is run by Professor Pavan. The seminar is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11AM to 11:50AM, and on Friday from 2PM to 2:50PM.

The draft schedule, based on the random order announced 12-months ago, has been available [online](#) since

February 1. Pareto-improving exchanges are permissible, using the online spreadsheet.

Administrative Requirements

Full practical details are on our [website](#). Note that:

1. Students must register for Econ 501 P/N in the Fall and Spring of their third year. Two pass grades are necessary to meet the Department's research paper requirement.
2. The signed [approval form](#) must be returned to the Graduate Program Manager within two weeks of the presentation or by the Friday of exam week, whichever is earlier. At least one of the faculty signing must hold a tenure-line appointment in the Economics Department.
3. A "pass grade" is issued based on the signed approval form and satisfactory attendance (see below).

Attendance Policy

Economics 501 is designed to be an interaction between the presenter and peer students. It is mandatory that all third-year students attend every Economics 501 seminar. However, things do come up, so we have formalized how we treat excessive absence. "Excessive absence results in an "N" grade being assigned for the Spring Quarter registration. Excessive absence is defined as being absent from more than 10% of the combined number of sessions in the Fall and Spring Quarters. (For example, we expect 44 sessions this academic year, so absence from five or more sessions is considered excessive absence.) A student is considered absent irrespective of the reason or whether the instructor had been notified in advance. A student assigned an "N" grade for this reason can have the grade changed to a "P" by attending in the following Fall Quarter three sessions for each

absence above 10%. (For example, a student missing six sessions in a year with 44 sessions has to make up six sessions, calculated as $3 \times (6-4) = 6$.)"

Second Year Students

Second year students should start to work on their first 501 paper which must be submitted for faculty approval by July 31. This paper is then presented in the Fall. The second paper is presented next Spring.

Note that students in the Financial Economics PhD may be asked to present their first paper earlier and in a different forum. However, students can benefit from additional feedback by also presenting in the 501 seminar.

The presentation order for 501 papers is determined by a random number generator and is conducted independently for the Fall and Spring. Here is the order for next year. The draft assignment of people to dates and times are announced by e-mail in late July for Fall and on February 1 for Spring.

Fall Quarter

Nussbaum, Shaya
Kedrosky, Davis
den Besten, Tamar
von Ungern-Sternberg, Vitor
Carmichael, Kyra
Baker, Camile
Miles, Russell
Bui, Sarah
Zhang, Hellary
Goth, Aidan
Bae, Siye
Gallego, Daniel
Parameswaran, Vaidehi
Mao, Yifan
Campos, Marcos
Takatsuji, Eisho
Hirvonen, Johannes
Hanzel, Charles
Chen, Yuejun
Guo, Hongchang
LaBelle, Jesse
Freitas, Luis
Krueger, Ben
Zahedian, Saam
Zanotti, Luca

Spring Quarter

Zahedian, Saam
Parameswaran, Vaidehi
Takatsuji, Eisho
Carmichael, Kyra
Kedrosky, Davis
Krueger, Ben
den Besten, Tamar
Baker, Camile
Chen, Yuejun
Hirvonen, Johannes
Mao, Yifan
Zanotti, Luca
Goth, Aidan
LaBelle, Jesse
Hanzel, Charles
Nussbaum, Shaya
Zhang, Hellary
Bae, Siye
Guo, Hongchang
Bui, Sarah
Miles, Russell
von Ungern-Sternberg, Vitor
Campos, Marcos
Freitas, Luis
Gallego, Daniel

Second year students may wish to attend some of this spring's seminars to get some idea of expectations for 501 papers.

Funding

Summer Funding

Students in years 1 through 5 can apply for Summer University Fellowships (SUF) in early May. Students in years six and above are not eligible for summer funding.

Look for an e-mail on May 1 with more details and a link to the online form. The small print is that eligibility requires that:

- Students must be in good standing (i.e., have been eligible for academic year funding),
 - Students are not receiving outside fellowships or internal RAships that cover their summer stipend,
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- Students conduct academic pursuits and do not take excessive vacationing,
- Students must not work for pay outside of NU (defined as for more than 10 hours a week, or any arrangement that lasts for more than one month or has compensation of more than \$600).

Funding for Research-Related Expenses

TGS has available funds to pay for research expenses. The maximum one-time research grant is \$3,000. Full details of the application procedure and links to application forms are on the [research-related expenses web page](#). These awards are given twice a year. The next deadline is March 10, and then in mid-October.

Funding for Conference Expenses

TGS also has funds available for travel to conferences. There is funding for two conferences during your time at Northwestern that covers up to a maximum of \$800 for each conference. Full details of the application procedures and links to application forms are on the [research-related expenses web page](#).

A special note. TGS allocates a budget every three months for conference travel. If you are planning conference travel in the period March 1 to April 31 the applicational portal is already open, and that for travel between June 1 – August 19 opens on April 25. Apply early!

Additional Work

It is possible for Fellowship holders to supplement their fellowship by working for hourly pay as a research assistant, tutor, grader, proctor or performing other administrative tasks for a maximum of 20 hours per week. The 20 hours a week is the aggregate of all paid work from all sources

combined. For all but the most minimal assignments (< \$600) a permission to work form must be filed with TGS in advance. Christy Buillion can advise on the process.

Students funded as TAs or as stipend RAs are already presumed to be working for 20 hours a week, and additional paid work is not allowed.

Read more in a [statement on our website](#).

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