

EPIC Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship

The Energy Policy Institute at Chicago (EPIC) invites applications for the Summer 2020 Research Fellowship. An interdisciplinary research and training center at the University of Chicago, EPIC is contributing innovative solutions to the global energy challenge: how can we ensure that people around the world, today and in the future, have access to reliable, affordable energy needed for human development without putting our health, environment and climate at risk? Previous results from EPIC projects have been influential with policymakers worldwide and featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and other leading publications.

Successful candidates will report to Michael Greenstone, Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago and the Director of EPIC. Responsibilities span all stages of research, including managing projects, collecting and analyzing data, creating presentations, and editing manuscripts. Typical research projects involve the analysis of environmental and energy data from the United States, India, China, and other countries utilizing quasi-experimental and experimental methods, as well as development of computational economic models of energy markets.

Applicants must be in their penultimate year of study and have strong quantitative and programming skills. Candidates with research experience are strongly preferred, especially those with experience programming in Stata, R, Python or Matlab. The ideal candidate would work for EPIC for around ten weeks before returning to school. EPIC offers competitive salary and employee benefits. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, with rolling decisions, but all applications must be received by May 2nd to be considered. Due to the high volume of applications, only candidates shortlisted for an interview will be contacted.

To apply, please complete the form and upload your resume, transcript, and writing sample at <https://tinyurl.com/epic-summer-intern>. Questions and inquiries about the summer fellowship should be directed to epic.predoctoralfellowship@gmail.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do you offer visa sponsorship for international applicants?

EPIC sponsors work visas for full-time positions, but unfortunately cannot sponsor visas for summer internships. International applicants with existing work authorization are encouraged to apply.

2. Are there any specific requirements for the writing sample?

There are no requirements for the length or topic of your writing sample. Many successful applicants submit economics research papers (e.g. a thesis, or term paper) that highlight their abilities in writing and empirical analysis.

3. What kind of applicant does EPIC look for?

Successful applicants have typically completed advanced coursework with high marks in economics, math, statistics, or computer science. Many summer research fellows have had past economics research experience at their university, or other research institutions such as the Federal Reserve, World Bank, J-PAL, or IMF. A demonstrated interest in energy and environmental economics is helpful, but not necessary.