

HAND Research Foundation Scholarship Application Form

HAND Research Foundation seeks Persian-speaking individuals with high academic standing who are committed to pursuing a PhD in the field of economics.

Currently, one grant of up to \$30,000 per academic year will awarded to cover tuition, fees, books and materials, and living expenses for a first-year PhD student studying economics.

Criteria:

- The applicant must have gained admission to one of the following PhD economics programs:
 - Harvard University
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
 - University of Chicago
 - Stanford University
 - University of California- Berkeley
 - Northwestern University
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - London School of Economics (LSE)
 - Columbia University
 - Oxford University
- The applicant must be Persian-speaking
- Grants will be based on merit and academic achievement
- Additional qualities we look for in candidates are demonstrated curiosity, work ethic, and desire to effect policy.
- Applicants must be willing to serve as fellow of HAND Research Foundation (see description below) and submit a photo to be posted on the HAND Research Foundation website.

Please note that the list does not include top economics departments that currently provide full funding to their first year graduate students e.g. Yale, Carnegie Mellon, Princeton and New York University.

Selection of Recipients:

- The scholarship will be awarded to an eligible first year Economics PhD student by an independent selection committee
- The selection committee will review applications and other submitted documents to select finalists
- Finalists will be contacted for a phone or in-person interview
- The recipient will be selected from the pool of finalists and will be notified by either mail or email

Deadlines:

Application Due Date: April 1, 2010
Applicant Interviews: April 9-12
Recipient Notification Date: April 15

Recipient Responsibilities:

- Recipient will submit academic transcripts at the end of each semester and written report at the end of the academic year. Failure to do so could result in the withholding of further payments. If HAND Research Foundation learns that all or any part of the grant is being diverted from the purposes of supporting the recipient as a first-year PhD student, we will take all steps (including legal action) to recover the grant funds and/ or to ensure restoration of the diverted funds.

Please return completed applications by April 1 to:

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HAND Research Foundation
PO Box 5655
Redwood City CA 94063

Please submit any inquiries to: kaveh.majlesi@gmail.com
<http://www.handresearch.org/pages/scholarships.php>

HAND Research Foundation Fellowship Description

The goal of our scholarship is to cultivate the next generation of great Iranian economists, and unleash their talents in service of the future economy of Iran as well as the rest of the world. At HAND Research Foundation we believe that community is as important as what we accomplish individually towards reaching this goal. Towards that end we aim to also build a community among young economists from Iran through our website www.handresearch.org and other forms of networking including conferences. In order to achieve this we need all members of the community to feel ownership of this and take personal responsibility to make it a reality. Therefore we ask that all recipients of HAND Research Foundation scholarships make a commitment to invest back into the system as a Fellow of the Foundation for the duration of their PhD program.

The three areas where Fellows normally contribute are:

- Contributing to the HAND Research Foundation website through content and interactivity
- Helping build a community among economic PhD students – both those that are linked to HAND and others via regular newsletter-type emails, conference calls, and conferences
- Research

Realizing that an excellent economics program is demanding and your first priority, and that the first year is particularly critical to your future success, as a Fellow we would expect your commitment to be spread out over four years.

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Applicant Data

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Country)

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
(Month) (Date) (Year)

Place of Birth: _____
(City) (State/ Country)

How did you learn about the HAND Research Foundation Scholarship?

- ___ HAND Website
- ___ Other Website (Please specify) _____
- ___ From professor _____
- ___ From friend/ family _____
- ___ From Magazine/ Publication _____
- ___ Other _____

Previous Education

Undergraduate School Name and Address:

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Graduation Date: _____
(Month) (Year)

Degree (including Field of Study): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ /4.0 Scale

Academic Honors Received: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Graduate School Name and Address:

Graduation Date: _____
(Month) (Year)

Degree (including Field of Study): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ / 4.0 Scale

Academic Honors Received: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

GRE Score: _____

Graduate School 2 Name and Address:

Graduation Date: _____

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(Month)

(Year)

Degree (including Field of Study): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ / 4.0 Scale

Academic Honors Received: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

GRE Score: _____

Previous Experience

Please list jobs you have held.

(Name of Company) (Position Held/ Title) (Date)

(Description of accomplishments and responsibilities)

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Please list all publications

(Title of Piece) (Name of Publication) (Date)

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Please list all presentations made

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(Title of Presentation) (Name of Conference/ Event) (Date)

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PhD Program

Please list the schools you have been admitted to and indicate which you are considering attending.

Personal Essay:

Please write an essay on your motivations for pursuing an economics in PhD and what your goals (short, medium and long-term) are with regards to your education, career and future. This essay should be about 500-1,000 words in length, typed and attached to your application.

Fellowship Statement:

Please write a short description of the ways that you would like to contribute to HAND Research Foundation and building a community of scholars. Please be as specific as possible, including an estimation of how much time you can commit to.

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Application Checklist:

- Completed application form
- Personal Essay
- Fellowship Statement
- Most recent CV
- Two letters of recommendation
- Transcripts from undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Letters of acceptance from economics PhD programs

Verification:

I certify that the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

(Signature)

(Date)