SAIEH FAMILY FELLOWS IN ECONOMICS

The Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (BFI) supports and communicates research that identifies and addresses gaps in our knowledge of how the economy works. Its intellectual foundation is the Chicago School of Economics that has time and again demonstrated the power of markets and economic insights to advance our well-being. As leaders of this School, Gary Becker and Milton Friedman exemplified the belief that economic ideas could improve the world.

This commitment to rigor and science has set the Chicago School of Economics apart from other programs, with 30 University of Chicago graduates and faculty members receiving the Nobel Prize in Economics, and 18 graduates and faculty members receiving the prestigious John Bates Clark Medal.

BFI launched the Saieh Family Fellows in Economics program in order to bring together leading, early-career economists to take part in the University’s field-defining approach to economic scholarship. A generous new gift from the Saieh Family Fund permanently endows the program.

This program builds on the Chicago Research Fellows Program established in 2017 and gives the best and brightest young economists in the world rare opportunities to explore their interests and build rigorous analytical skills prior to assuming their academic appointment. With financial support and freedom from teaching responsibilities, fellows are able to leverage BFI’s unparalleled intellectual resources, expertise, and collaborative community to grow into superbly productive scholars.

Saieh Family Fellowships are highly selective: BFI leadership identifies and recruits only the top candidates on the academic job market each year. Since the program was founded, approximately half of the fellows have been selected to present at the annual Review of Economic Studies (REStud) tour, which brings a small handful of the world’s most promising graduating doctoral students in economics and finance to present their research to audiences in Europe. Upon completion of the fellowship, researchers go on to academic jobs at the top programs in business and economics, including, among others, Chicago Booth and Economics, Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, and Northwestern.
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