About the Awards

The American Economic Association and its Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) established the AEA Departmental Seed Grants for Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion to help US-based economics departments create new “bridge programs” or training programs for underrepresented minorities (URM), which include persons who identify as American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin), or Pacific Islander.

For example, a department might create a mentoring program for URM graduate or undergraduate students, opportunities for URM students to do meaningful research assistant work, or a program that allows URM students who need additional preparation for graduate school to take a lighter class load in the first year or to take core economics courses over two years.

All US-based departments of economics and other organizations employing significant numbers of economists are encouraged to apply. Complete application criteria are available at the AEA website.

Next deadline: October 13, 2023.

2022 Award Winner
Congratulations Florida International University!

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Previous award winners:

2021 The University of Kansas and Middlebury College
2020 Georgia State University and Southern Methodist University

Each department received $5,000 for its efforts in establishing innovative programs for URM students.

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