

BB&T Dissertation Fellowships

The Florida State University Economics Department will be awarding **one-year BB&T Dissertation Fellowships to candidates who have successfully completed the non-dissertation requirements for the PhD degree, and whose research focuses on the political economy of contemporary economic issues, and particularly, the role of institutions in advancing prosperity.** These Fellowships are available through the Economics Department's affiliation with new Program for the Study of Political Economy and Free Enterprise (SPEFE). SPEFE and the new Program for Excellence in Economic Education (EEE) aim to

advance the understanding and practice of those free voluntary processes and principles that promote social progress, human well-being, individual freedom, opportunity and prosperity based on the rule of law, constitutional government, private property and the laws, regulations, organizations, institutions and social norms upon which they rely. These goals will be pursued by supplementing the academic talent that is currently at FSU to create a strong program that will focus on building upon and expanding research and teaching efforts related to economic institutions and political economy.

In most cases, these Fellowships will be awarded for the fourth year in a student's program to students who have been funded as a teaching or research assistant and who are working with a SPEFE faculty member. Fellowship recipients will have no work assignment during the Fellowship year so they can concentrate on their own research. Each recipient will receive an \$18,000 academic-year stipend along with a full-tuition waiver.