

EITM Certification Scholarships

Over the past decade, hundreds of graduate students in political science have participated in EITM summer institutes. These institutes are held at universities across the country and improve participants' ability to advance science and serve society. Participants emerge from EITM summer institutes better able to leverage interactions between theoretical models that clarify relevant logical relationships and empirical endeavors that clarify critical implications of observation and data.

The *EITM Certification Scholarships* provide funds for students to attend classes at the ICPSR Summer Program as a way of strengthening their methodological abilities in preparation for attending a future EITM summer institute. However, an *EITM Certification Scholarship* is not required to attend an EITM Institute; instead, it is another way to benefit from EITM. Likewise, there is no requirement that *EITM Certification Scholarship* recipients apply to attend an EITM summer institute.

Every year, EITM will select a minimum of ten students to receive *EITM Certification Scholarships*. Each scholarship will cover tuition for up to two four-week sessions of the next ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan (this call for applications covers ICPSR tuition for the summer of 2020). For scholarship winners who take two ICPSR classes per session, the scholarship will cover tuition for four ICPSR classes in 2020. This scholarship covers tuition only and is paid directly to ICPSR by EITM. Scholarship recipients or their home institutions are responsible for all other costs (e.g., course materials, lodging, meals, or transportation) associated with attending ICPSR.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an *EITM Certification Scholarship*, you must be enrolled in a graduate program in Political Science or a related field. Also, you must have completed at least one year of coursework in your graduate program by June 2020. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from members of groups that have been historically underrepresented in math and science and/or underrepresented in previous EITM Summer Institutes. We are also interested in receiving applications from individuals who are studying or working at institutions where coursework in statistical inference and formal modeling is not regularly offered.

EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

We will be evaluating applicants on the following criteria:

- Your description of how participating in an EITM scholarship in 2020 will prepare you for participation in future EITM summer institute and how these activities are likely to enrich your subsequent scholarship and ability to provide insight of significant social value.
- How the content of classes at the ICPSR can benefit your research objectives.
- Your letters of recommendation.
- The quality of your application overall.

HOW TO APPLY

The following materials are required:

1. An unofficial transcript showing classes taken and available grades from your graduate education. Undergraduate transcripts will not be accepted. Those offered a scholarship will be required to submit official transcripts.
2. An essay of 250-1000 words explaining how receipt of an *EITM Certification Scholarship* and participation in EITM Summer Institutes can benefit your research agenda. The essay must name the specific classes you will take at ICPSR and relate the content of these classes to the research objectives stated in the essay.
3. A copy of your C.V.
4. Letters of recommendation from three faculty members with whom you have taken classes or with whom you have engaged in research-related activities.

The transcripts, essay, and CV should be uploaded as a **single PDF file** (16MB max) at <http://eitm.princeton.edu/scholarship.html>.

Faculty members listed in the application will receive an email notification with instructions for how to upload the letters of recommendation. This notification will be sent automatically once the applicant submits his/her materials. *Applicants should consider uploading materials well in advance of the 5 PM deadline so faculty members may submit letters in a timely manner.*

The deadline for the application and letters of recommendation is **5:00 pm Eastern Time on March 31, 2020**.

COURSE SELECTION AND CERTIFICATION

EITM Certification Scholarships are designed to expand the pool of students who feel adequately prepared to benefit from participation in an EITM Summer Institute. It is open to all potential and prospective EITM applicants.

A key part of the scholarship application is naming ICPSR courses that you want to take. Past participants report that fully appreciating the advantages offered by participation in an EITM Summer Institute requires some degree of graduate training in both statistical methods and formal modeling. With these requirements in mind, obtaining "EITM Certification" through this scholarship program in 2020 requires that a student obtain an A- or better in Introduction to Game Theory and/or Regression Analysis II. Earning such grades in one of these two courses, or any other courses listed at <http://eitm.princeton.edu/certification.html> suffices. (Again, please note that EITM Certification is not required for admission to EITM. Instead, it is another way to draw attention to the kind of coursework that past EITM participants have found helpful.)

At the time of course selection, the ICPSR Summer Program participant requests a letter grade for an EITM certified course. The Summer Program staff will forward this information to the EITM

PIs. The EITM PIs can then use this information to confer EITM certification. This information can be used to identify promising participants in subsequent EITM Summer Institutes.

EITM Certification Scholarships provide students with a cost-effective and time-efficient way to obtain the type of background that prior EITM participants have found useful when attending an EITM Summer Institute. For scholarship recipients, these scholarships can put a valuable training opportunity within reach. We anticipate that the program will have particular benefits for traditionally disadvantaged groups, and it will help improve the quality of political science research. For EITM, the Certification Scholarships provide another way to expand the applicant pool to include the many students who can benefit from EITM but whose circumstances have not permitted access to basic graduate training in statistical inference and/or formal modeling.

Faculty, please tell your students about this opportunity. Eligible students, please consider applying.

The National Science Foundation funds the *EITM Certification Scholarship* and the EITM summer institute programs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The EITM Certification Program is designed to expand the pool of students who feel adequately prepared to benefit from participation in an EITM Summer Institute. It is a partnership between the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research and the EITM Summer Institutes. For more information about the EITM Summer Institutes, please visit www.eitminstitute.org.

About EITM's Leadership

The EITM Leadership Team includes Principal Investigators Scott de Marchi (Duke University), Sean Gailmard (University of California-Berkeley), Rocio Titiunik (University of Michigan), Elizabeth Penn (University of Chicago), and Project Coordinator Lauren Guggenheim (University of Michigan). Please direct all inquiries about the EITM Summer Institutes and the *EITM Certification Scholarships* to eitm@eitminstitute.org. EITM PIs and staff are committed to providing valuable learning and mentorship opportunities to scholars from diverse demographic backgrounds.

About the ICPSR Summer Institute

Every summer since 1963, ICPSR has run its Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. The ICPSR Summer Program is well-known and highly regarded throughout the social science community. It provides opportunities to obtain advanced training in sophisticated research strategies and techniques. These include both formal modeling and the types of quantitative inference that are used by scholars at multiple research frontiers in political science. The Summer Program's comprehensive methodological curriculum is ideal for social scientists who desire such training but cannot obtain it at their home institutions. For more information, please visit <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/sumprog/>.