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To: Economics Faculty and Graduate Students

I am pleased to announce a new programmatic initiative of the Penn Institute for Economic Research (PIER) to support the participation of graduate students in national and international conferences. Students who have been selected to present their work at conferences can apply for a PIER grant to cover part of their travel and lodging expenses as well as conference fees (if applicable). The maximum amount of the grant is $1,000 per conference for events taking place in the United States or Canada, and $1,500 per conference for events outside of North America. There is a limit of two conferences per student per year.

The program is competitive and funding of a proposal will be determined based on the quality of the conference and the availability of funds. All graduate students who at the time of the application are in good standing in the Economics Ph.D. program are eligible to apply. However, to be considered for a PIER conference grant a student must also have applied for an SAS Travel Subvention and a GAPSA Research Travel Grant (information on these programs can be obtained from the Economics Graduate Group Coordinator).

Applications can be submitted by e-mail at pier@econ.upenn.edu.

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