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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University offers state-of-the-art training in agricultural and applied economics, to prepare analysts for positions in government, industry, research and teaching. Three USDA National Needs Fellowships will be offered for PhD students to start in 2008 or 2009. Fellows will pursue coursework and dissertation research aimed at improving our understanding of the economics of alternative energy. Areas of specialization may involve use of advanced techniques in mathematical and dynamic optimization, general-equilibrium modeling, spatial econometrics or time series methods.

PLAN OF STUDY
Fellows will pursue a doctoral degree leading to a specialization in the economics of alternative energy by successfully completing a minimum of 50 course credits including core courses in economic theory, quantitative methods, and applied economics. The PhD. dissertation topic will be chosen and developed by the Fellow in consultation with his or her thesis advisor near the end of the second year in the program. The dissertation must address an alternative energy topic, but there are no other restrictions on the Fellow’s choice.

OPPORTUNITIES
Purdue University offers its PhD students a top-ranked program for empirical economic analysis. Fellows will also have access to, and will be expected to participate in collaborations with the Purdue Climate Change Research Center and the Purdue Energy Center. Fellows will have access to a distinguished and diverse faculty working at the forefront of energy economics and climate change policy in a wide range of areas.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible for the fellowships, candidates must be U.S. citizens or “native resident” of one of the U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, etc.) and have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the area of applied economics. Please note that non-U.S. citizens with U.S. permanent resident status are not eligible. We particularly encourage applications from students of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Candidates should have completed a Master's degree in agricultural economics or a related field, and may not have been previously enrolled in the PhD program at Purdue University.

STIPEND AND BENEFITS
Fellows will receive stipends of $24,000 per year for the full three years, paid monthly by Purdue University. The stipend is subject to U.S. and state income taxation with no adjustment for inflation. Tuition has been waived by the Graduate School.

HOW TO APPLY
All application materials and instructions are available at www.agecon.purdue.edu/graduate/admissions. Questions regarding procedures and requirements: LouAnn Baugh, atbaughl@purdue.edu or 765.494.4196. Questions about program content and research opportunities: Project director, Prof. Gerald Shively, atshivelyg@purdue.edu or 765.494.4218.

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