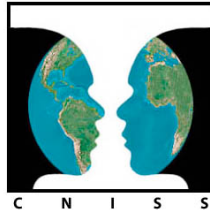


# 2010-11 Call for Applications

## Certificate Program in Institutional Social Sciences

### Center for New Institutional Social Sciences (CNISS)



The Center for New Institutional Social Sciences (CNISS) is inviting applications for its Certificate Program in Institutional Social Sciences. The program fosters students' individual research within their respective fields, while also challenging them to see beyond the traditional barriers between the social sciences. Students from the following departments or Schools are encouraged to apply: Anthropology, Economics, Education, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and the School of Social Work.

#### Description

The duration of a typical CNISS Certificate Program is two years. CNISS Fellows take two graduate seminars each summer they spend with the program. These courses occur in the early part of the summer to allow students to use the rest of summer for dissertation research. During the summer Fellows write a research paper that may be part of their ongoing research or dissertation project in their home department. Students will present their summer projects in a special seminar (taken in the Fall or Spring of each year of the tenure of their program) and are encouraged to revise it for presentation in a professional conference of their choice.

#### To Apply

Students interested in applying to this program must have successfully completed at least one year of Ph.D. training in their respective departments, and have the approval of the home department graduate advisor. All applicants must provide grade transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a project plan proposing relevant and promising research in New Institutional Social Sciences. Application packages should be dropped off in Seigle Hall, Room 131, at the office of Alana Bame, the administrative assistant for CNISS, or sent to her at Campus Box 1035 by **April 15, 2010**.

#### Summer Stipend

Students admitted to the program will receive a summer stipend (stipend amount between \$3,000-\$4,000 depending) to allow them to spend as much of their time as possible in the summer working on their research project.

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Units Required: 18 (Nine of which must be in addition to the unit requirements for Ph.D. degree)

### **Description**

New Institutional Social Sciences is an interdisciplinary approach to studying societies, focusing on the interplay between economic, legal, political, and cultural formal and informal institutions that shape human interactions in society. Faculty associated with the Center advise graduate students on research projects, and generate interdisciplinary and international research opportunities through affiliated centers around the world. This Certificate Program will examine using diversified research efforts to understand the evolution of political, legal, and economic institutions.

### **Requirements**

**Over two summers, students must complete four of the six courses listed below as well as take the Certificate Program Research Seminar in either the Fall or Spring of each year of their tenure with the program. Classes are normally scheduled with two offered each summer.**

Students may apply to receive funding to go on and present their research projects in internationally acclaimed professional conferences and research forums in the U.S. and abroad.

### **Required Courses (must receive credit for four of the six classes listed below):**

**New Institutional Social Sciences I: Economics (L11 5291)**

**New Institutional Social Sciences II: Politics (L32 5042)**

**Financial Globalization: Market Failures and State Institutions (L32 577)**

**Fundamentals of Sociocultural Anthropology (L48 544)**

**Justice and Legitimacy (L32 5013)...or other 500 level Ph.D. class**

**Legal Framework for Economic Growth (L11 5292)...or other 500 level Ph.D. class**