

MSU Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis

Graduate Student Research Assistantship Program Criteria and Expectations

The mission of the MSU Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis is to engage undergraduate and graduate students with faculty in academic research that will further the understanding of economic regulation and policy's impact on societal well-being.

The initiative will achieve its mission by:

- Facilitating research, analysis, and teaching of regulatory economics as applied to agriculture, healthcare, technology, finance, natural resources, education, public safety, and other sectors.
- Leveraging the University's geographic position and research track record to inform the public policy debate on state, regional, and national issues.
- Achieving lasting impact on undergraduate and graduate students by providing support to enable their research on relevant public policy topics.
- Enhancing the intellectual capital of MSU faculty and other universities or centers by providing research and teaching opportunities.

Graduate Student Assistantship Program: The initiative will provide annual research assistantships for graduate students in the Masters of Science in Applied Economics program in the Colleges of Agriculture and of Letters and Sciences.

Funding for 2 (3) FTE per year (\$40,000 total (\$60,000 total)) is available for students working on research projects related to the initiative's mission (i.e., economic analysis of regulatory issues as applied to agriculture, healthcare, technology, finance, natural resources, education, public safety, and other related sectors).

- A minimum of \$25,000 (\$37,500) will be allocated to support students in the second year of the DAEE graduate program who are writing theses on topics related to the initiative's mission. Supported students will provide abstracts of their projects (once completed) to the initiative's co-directors for reporting purposes. Supported students will also be encouraged to submit their completed research projects to peer-reviewed academic journals.
- Up to \$15,000 (\$22,500) will be allocated to support recruitment (via increased stipends or tuition cost coverage) for high-quality incoming students. These students will be assigned to assist faculty conducting research on topics related to the initiative's mission. Faculty supervisors will provide a summary of the related project to the initiative's co-directors for reporting purposes. Should the students supported by these funds choose to write theses on topics related to the initiative's mission, they will provide abstracts of their projects to the

initiative's co-directors and will be encouraged to submit their completed research projects to peer-reviewed academic journals

Selection: The selection of graduate student assistants will be made by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics (DAEE) Graduate Affairs Committee.

Process: The process for allocating graduate student research assistantships under this program will be revisited as necessary and at the discretion of the DAEE Graduate Affairs Committee.