

# MSU Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis

## Visiting Scholars Program

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 of the U.S. economy. Research programs are expected to leverage the University's geographic position and research track record to inform the public policy debate on state, regional, and national issues. The initiative is also expected to achieve lasting impacts on undergraduate and graduate students by providing support to enable their research on relevant public policy topics.

Visiting Scholars Program: The initiative hosts visiting scholars for both short- and long-term visits to conduct research with MSU faculty and students, present seminars or workshops related to the research, and participate in other initiative activities. Long-term support is available for faculty during the summer or for those on sabbatical during the academic year. Short-term support is available for visits of two weeks or less, either during summer or during the academic year. Visiting scholars supported by the initiative are expected to devote a significant amount of their time and resources during their visit to work related to the initiative's mission.

Selection: Proposals from MSU faculty members interested in hosting visiting scholars will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Visiting Scholars Selection Committee (comprised of the co-directors and Research Fellows). Requests to host visiting scholars should include a description of the proposed scholar's activities during their visit, a summary of the expected research outcomes resulting from the visit (including potential journal outlets for the research), and a budget for the visit.

The selection of visiting scholars for semester- or academic-year appointments occurs after advertising these positions widely in national, local, and regional outlets (including Job Openings for Economists, the Chronicle of Higher Education, and other outlets). Visiting Scholars are selected by the Visiting Scholars Selection Committee.

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