

## **Description of the Summer Economics Program at University of Miami**

Although roughly 12% of Bachelor's degrees in Economics are earned by African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans, only about 5% of recent Economics doctorates received by US citizens have been earned by these minorities.

The Summer Program seeks to prepare talented undergraduates for doctoral programs in Economics, by offering a unique opportunity for students to gain technical skills in Economics, and conduct research with prominent faculty. The purpose of this summer program is to increase the number of African-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans with doctorates in Economics.

The Summer Program itself is a demanding one. It provides mathematical training, GRE preparation, and research seminars intended to acquaint students with pressing issues and methods of analysis. Accepted students will have the possibility to attend national conferences to present their research, receive additional training, and network with their peers in the field. Students themselves also form a critical network. In effect, they will be able to form a mutually-supportive team that is of great value during the initial years of doctoral programs, and which is an extraordinary network of professional contacts in the long run as well.