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The Hamilton Project Economic Policy Innovation Prize

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does a student have to be currently enrolled to submit a proposal?

A: A student must have been enrolled at least one semester during the 2007/2008 school year.

Q: If I graduate in May, am I still eligible?

A: Yes, you are eligible to submit a proposal anytime through the August 1 deadline.

Q: Are international students or students from foreign institutions eligible?

A: Students current enrolled at an accredited United States Institution, whether they are U.S. citizens or citizens of other nations, are eligible.

Q: Can a student submit more than one proposal?

A: Yes, a student may submit more than one proposal given that they are both submitted by the August 1 deadline and that they adhere to the guidelines.

Q: Can a team of students submit a proposal?

A: Yes. If a team wins, the relevant cash prize will be split equally among its members.

Q: Are part-time students eligible?

A: Yes. The only restriction regarding enrollment is that the student be currently enrolled, whether full-time or part-time, at an accredited U.S. school.

Q: Can proposals be submitted prior to the cut-off date of August 1, 2008?

A: Yes, proposals can be submitted at any time between now and August 1, 2008, after which proposals will not be accepted.

Q: Can proposals be submitted via the mail?

A: No, proposals must be submitted in electronic form to policyprize@hamiltonproject.org.

Q. Can a previously published paper be eligible to receive the prize?

A. No, a paper that is published prior to the August 1st deadline will not be eligible for the prize. However, proposals may be submitted in advance of the deadline to publications that go to press after August 1st.

Q: Can proposals of any topic be submitted?

A: Yes. The Hamilton Project encourages proposals in the areas of **education, health care, social insurance, science and technology policy, tax policy, energy, and saving policy**, but will welcome proposals on any economic policy topic.

Q: How important is empirical evidence to presenting the argument for a particular proposal?

A: Very important. Emphasis will be placed on (a) the relevance of the policy problem and the motivation for the policy proposal; (b) the rigor and execution of the evidence describing both the problem and the benefits of the solution; (c) the originality of the proposal; and (d) the degree to which the proposal is consistent with The Hamilton Project's strategic goals, as described in "An Economic Strategy to Advance Opportunity, Prosperity, and Growth" (http://www.brookings.edu/papers/2006/04useconomics_altman.aspx).