Request for Proposals for Grants by the Macro Finance Research Program

The Macro Finance Research Program (MFR) operating under the auspices of the Becker Friedman Institute with generous funding support from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, will expand our understanding of how financial markets affect the economy as a whole and, conversely, how the macroeconomy influences financial markets.

The Program welcomes proposals for University of Chicago faculty and advanced graduate students for research projects involving comparisons of existing linear and nonlinear economic models, linkages between economic sectors, new and improved software for macroeconomic models and other tools related to better measurement of systemic risk, broadly defined. In addition, the program welcomes studies of macroeconomic impacts of monetary and fiscal policy and their interactions.

The grants, ranging between $15,000 - $30,000, are for studies with a clear research question, but for which the design and implementation requires further analysis, including data acquisition, estimation and computation. The expectation is that these projects will ultimately produce publishable frontier research.

For longer-term projects, the MFR will request intermediary progress reports. All research generated through the support of MFR funding must be shared in order for us to disseminate results and conclusions and make them accessible to a broader audience. Acknowledgment of MFR’s funding in any working papers or publications associated with the body of research MFR supported is expected.

Proposals may be submitted at any time to Diana Petrova, Associate Director, at dpetrova@uchicago.edu.