2016 Summer Institute in Law and Economics
Research Methods in Law and Economics

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A special fifth anniversary Summer Institute Program designed for international faculty, with courses to help you integrate law and economics into your teaching and research.
Study the Field of Law and Economics at Its Birthplace

The University of Chicago is the birthplace of law and economics, and it continues to be the most influential source of scholarship and innovation in the field. At the University of Chicago, Nobel Laureate economists Gary Becker, Ronald Coase, George Stigler, and Milton Friedman worked together with brilliant legal minds like Richard Posner to change the foundation of legal thought in the United States, transforming entire fields of law over the past 50 years.

The Summer Institute in Law and Economics, now in its fifth year, has created a network of more than 300 scholars from around the world who are committed to improving law and policy in their own countries, and who are collaborating to bring economic analysis to the forefront of legal scholarship. The Summer Institute provides legal scholars with the tools and training to bring law and economics into their own curricula and research.

Whether you have already participated in the Summer Institute or are exploring this exciting opportunity for the first time, we invite you to Chicago to learn advanced skills in law and economics.

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No university offers a more impressive law and economics faculty than Chicago’s; their interactions create intellectual alchemy.”

Michael H. Schill, former dean of the Law School
Omri Ben-Shahar is an expert in contracts and consumer law. He holds both a PhD in economics and an SJD from Harvard. He is the director of the Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics and an editor of the Journal of Legal Studies. Professor Ben-Shahar is the academic director of the Summer Institute.

Todd Henderson is a scholar of corporate law and securities regulation. He holds a JD from the University of Chicago and is the author of Everything Old Is New Again: Lessons from Dodge v. Ford Motor Company.

William Hubbard Professor Hubbard received his JD and PhD degrees from Chicago. His scholarship focuses on the economics of courts, litigation, and civil procedure. He serves as an editor of the Journal of Legal Studies.

Jonathan Masur is a scholar of intellectual property law, behavioral law and economics, and administrative law. He holds a JD from Harvard Law School and serves as the director of the Wachtell Program in Behavioral Law, Finance, and Economics.

“Many of our participants are key figures in law reform in their own countries, and many of the program’s alumni have already shared with us ideas and initiatives for legal change.”

Omri Ben-Shahar, Faculty director of the Summer Institute in Law and Economics

Social Events

The Summer Institute in Law and Economics offers scholars opportunities to explore Chicago, while building relationships with talented scholars from around the world. Past Summer Scholars have attended a formal banquet at the faculty club and a baseball game, biked along Lake Michigan, and visited the Art Institute of Chicago. They capped their experience with a traditional American backyard barbecue.

Lunchtime Speaker Series

Every week, the University of Chicago’s diverse faculty convene in a “Work in Progress” lunch to discuss their current scholarly projects. In that tradition, the Summer Institute presents the Lunchtime Lecture Series, featuring some of the University’s world-renowned faculty presenting some of their cutting-edge ideas.

Social Events

Scholars enjoyed Chicago’s picturesque lakefront and skyline on a bike ride.

Professor Martha Nussbaum delivers her lecture to scholars.
CONTACT

The academic director of the Summer Institute is Professor Omri Ben-Shahar. The Summer Institute is organized by the Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics. For more information, please visit law.uchicago.edu/lawecon/summerinstitute, or contact Joseph Burton, executive director of the Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics, at jburton@uchicago.edu.

COST AND LODGING

The fee for the Summer Institute is $3,000, which includes lodging, two meals (breakfast and lunch) per day, all organized social activities, some dinners, and food during class breaks. Participants will be housed in modern University of Chicago student dormitories in Hyde Park, Chicago, conveniently located near the Law School.

A nonrefundable deposit of $500 is required upon acceptance to the Summer Institute.

Many universities reimburse fees for participation and travel to educational events and conferences. Check with your academic department to see if the Summer Institute qualifies.

Travel costs are the responsibility of each participant and their academic department. The Law School does not reimburse travel or offer travel assistance.

APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM

Who Should Apply

The University of Chicago invites legal scholars from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America to apply to the two-week program. Professors, assistant professors, lecturers, and postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to apply. Policymakers and judges, as well as researchers from other disciplines—including economics, finance, and political science—are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants must have sufficient command of the English language to complete the required readings and participate in rigorous classroom discussion. All courses and materials will be offered in English without translation.

Necessary documentation for the visa application process for travel to the United States will be provided upon acceptance to the institute by the Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics.

How to Apply

Applications should be made online at law.uchicago.edu/lawecon/summerinstitute. We ask applicants to provide statements outlining their background in law and economics, current research interest, and reasons for interest in attending the Summer Institute. Applicants must provide a current CV in English detailing educational background, employment history, and a list of publications.

Deadline:
Applications must be submitted online by January 17, 2016.

Notification:
Admission notices will be sent to applicants no later than January 29, 2016.