

## Bitu Daryabari Scholarship for Women in Economics

Bitu Daryabari founder and President of Unique Zan Foundation in Menlo Park, CA, who is fiercely passionate about education, health, and economic opportunities for women throughout the world, has established the "Bitu Daryabari Scholarship for Women in Economics". The scholarship will be granted to Persian-speaking women who have been admitted to economics PhD programs in some of the highly-respected institutions. Says Daryabari "I am committed to helping women establish themselves in positions of leadership and be role models to other women".

One grant of up to \$30,000 per academic year will be awarded to cover tuition, fees, books and materials, and living expenses for a first-year PhD student studying economics. This is a one time grant per student. It was awarded in 2007, 2008 and will be awarded again in 2010.

### Criteria:

- The applicant must be a Persian-speaking woman  
- The applicant must have gained admission to a PhD Economics programs in one of the following twenty institutions:

- 1 Harvard University
- 2 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 3 London School of Economics (LSE)
- 4 University of Chicago
- 5 Stanford University
- 6 University of California--Berkeley
- 7 Oxford University
- 8 Northwestern University
- 9 University of Pennsylvania
- 10 Columbia University
- 11 University of Minnesota--Twin Cities
- 12 University of Michigan--Ann Arbor
- 13 California Institute of Technology
- 14 University of California--Los Angeles
- 15 University of California--San Diego
- 16 University of Wisconsin--Madison
- 17 Cornell University
- 18 Brown University
- 19 Duke University
- 20 University of Cambridge

- Grants will be based on merit and academic achievement

- Additional qualities we look for in candidates are demonstrated curiosity, work ethic, and desire to effect policy.

- Applicants must be willing to serve as fellow of HAND Research Foundation (see description below) and submit a photo to be posted on the HAND Research Foundation website.

Please note that the list does not include top economics departments that currently provide full funding to their first year graduate students e.g. Yale, Carnegie Mellon, Princeton and New York University.

### Selection of Recipients:

- The scholarship will be awarded to an eligible first year Economics PhD student by an independent selection committee
- The selection committee will review applications and other submitted documents to select finalists
- Finalists will be contacted for a phone or in-person interview

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- The recipient will be selected from the pool of finalists and will be notified by either mail or email

### Deadlines:

Application Due Date: April 1, 2010  
Applicant Interviews: April 9-12  
Recipient Notification Date: April 15

### Recipient Responsibilities:

- Recipient will submit academic transcripts at the end of each semester and written report at the end of the academic year. Failure to do so could result in the withholding of further payments. If HAND Research Foundation learns that all or any part of the grant is being diverted from the purposes of supporting the recipient as a first-year PhD student, we will take all steps (including legal action) to recover the grant funds and/ or to ensure restoration of the diverted funds.

Please return completed applications by April 1 to:

HAND Research Foundation  
PO Box 5655  
Redwood City CA 94063

Please submit any inquiries to: [kaveh.majlesi@gmail.com](mailto:kaveh.majlesi@gmail.com)  
<http://www.handresearch.org/pages/scholarships.php>

### HAND Research Foundation Fellowship Description

The goal of our scholarship is to cultivate the next generation of great Iranian economists, and unleash their talents in service of the future economy of Iran as well as the rest of the world. At HAND Research Foundation we believe that community is as important as what we accomplish individually towards reaching this goal. Towards that end we aim to also build a community among young economists from Iran through our website [www.handresearch.org](http://www.handresearch.org) and other forms of networking including conferences. In order to achieve this we need all members of the community to feel ownership of this and take personal responsibility to make it a reality. Therefore we ask that all recipients of HAND Research Foundation scholarships make a commitment to invest back into the system as a Fellow of the Foundation for the duration of their PhD program.

The three areas where Fellows normally contribute are:

- Contributing to the HAND Research Foundation website through content and interactivity
- Helping build a community among economic PhD students – both those that are linked to HAND and others via regular newsletter-type emails, conference calls, and conferences
- Research

Realizing that an excellent economics program is demanding and your first priority, and that the first year is particularly critical to your future success, as a Fellow we would expect your commitment to be spread out over four years.

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Applicant Data

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Country)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Date) (Year)

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State/ Country)

How did you learn about the HAND Research Foundation Scholarship?

- \_\_\_ HAND Website
- \_\_\_ Other Website (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ From professor \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ From friend/ family \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ From Magazine/ Publication \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Education

Undergraduate School Name and Address:  
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Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Year)

Degree (including Field of Study): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ /4.0 Scale

Academic Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School Name and Address:

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Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Year)

Degree (including Field of Study): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / 4.0 Scale

Academic Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

GRE Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School 2 Name and Address:

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Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Month)

(Year)

Degree (including Field of Study): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / 4.0 Scale

Academic Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

GRE Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Experience**

Please list jobs you have held.

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(Name of Company) (Position Held/ Title) (Date)

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**Please list all publications**

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(Title of Piece) (Name of Publication) (Date)

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(Title of Piece) (Name of Publication) (Date)

**Please list all presentations made**

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(Title of Presentation) (Name of Conference/ Event) (Date)

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**PhD Program**

Please list the schools you have been admitted to and indicate which you are considering attending.

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**Personal Essay:**

Please write an essay on your motivations for pursuing an economics in PhD and what your goals (short, medium and long-term) are with regards to your education, career and future. This essay should be about 500-1,000 words in length, typed and attached to your application.

**Fellowship Statement:**

Please write a short description of the ways that you would like to contribute to HAND Research Foundation and building a community of scholars. Please be as specific as possible, including an estimation of how much time you can commit to.

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### Application Checklist:

- Completed application form
- Personal Essay
- Fellowship Statement
- Most recent CV
- Two letters of recommendation
- Transcripts from undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Letters of acceptance from economics PhD programs

### Verification:

I certify that the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

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(Signature)

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(Date)