Announcing the eBay Policy Scholars Program 2017-2018

eBay has endowed a fellowship program at Georgetown University for students in international affairs, economics, and political science. The company aims to support new thinking and research publications on issues in the field of trade, economics, development, law, and political science, related to the emergence of digital, Internet, mobile technology and their impact on global commerce.

Why should you apply?

Students chosen for this fellowship will benefit from research support and a small stipend. This semester we will choose 1 student for the Policy Fellowship. Students get feedback from eBay and will be encouraged to publish their findings.

Sample research questions:

What policies should governments in the developing world adopt to increase innovation and technology use?

What does the increasing rate of smartphone ownership and Internet Use across the world mean for e-commerce and the global economy?

What can policymakers do to reconcile divergent regional/national regulatory policies (such as those on privacy)? What does such divergence mean for the “one global Internet?”

These are broad research questions, and they merely serve as examples.

How to apply:

Your application should include a one-page overview of your research and a one-page bio. Be sure to delineate: what is the research question(s) you seek to answer; describe your research methods; and explain why eBay would be a good place to get feedback. Please note that research proposals should focus on issues that sit at the nexus between technology and commerce. Students are advised to consult with their graduate program officer (PO) or director of graduate studies (DGS) for the program-specific deadline. Nominations must be submitted by the DGS or PO to GSASGradResearch@georgetown.edu by Friday, September 22.

Students who have applied previously are welcome to reapply, but make sure your application is as strong as possible.

eBay would like the Policy Scholar to start the week of October 6, 2017 and continue through the academic year.

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