

The Robert A. Levy Fellowship

in *Law and Liberty*

Law and Economics at George Mason

The Levy Fellowship is ideally suited to the unique mission of the George Mason University School of Law, one of the nation's leading centers for the study of law and economics. During the past 19 years, George Mason has assembled a distinctive, interdisciplinary faculty, many of whom hold doctorates in economics, philosophy, or related fields. Almost all members of the faculty apply the tools of economics or other social sciences to legal problems, and this intellectual orientation pervades the curriculum.

The law school houses the Law & Economics Center, Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science, Center for the Study of Neuroeconomics, Center for Study of Public Choice, James M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy, Mercatus Center, and Institute for Humane Studies.

Qualifications

To be eligible for a Levy Fellowship, an applicant must either (1) have earned a PhD in economics, or a closely related field such as finance or political science, from an accredited university or (2) have successfully completed all course work and have passed a general exam for a PhD in one of those fields from an accredited university. Candidates must take the LSAT no later than February 2011, register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), and apply for admission to the George Mason University School of Law. Levy Fellowships may be granted before admission to the School of Law but are conditional on successful admission. Moreover, each candidate for a Levy Fellowship must pledge that it is his or her intention to complete a JD degree at George Mason and to pursue a full-time academic career with an interdisciplinary teaching and research specialization.

Value of Fellowship

Two or more fellowships per year will be granted to entering law students. Fellowship grants cover tuition and fees at the George Mason University School of Law and provide an average annual stipend of as much as \$27,000 for up to three years. With full, nonresident/out-of-state tuition and fees paid, the value of the fellowship grant for the first year may be as high as \$63,278. During the second and third years, the value of the fellowship, based on in-state tuition, is approximately \$49,222. After the first year, the program guarantees tuition only at the in-state rate; therefore, fellows who are U.S. citizens domiciled outside Virginia may be responsible for payment of tuition in excess of the in-state rate.

Application Procedure

Applicants should contact the School of Law Admissions Office to request the School of

*Dr. Robert A. Levy,
a generous graduate of the
George Mason University
School of Law,
created*

THE ROBERT A. LEVY FELLOWSHIP in *Law and Liberty*

*to encourage
emerging scholars to
pursue a juris doctor
degree at George Mason.
Dr. Levy's hope is that
the program participants
will better understand the
institutions of a free society
and that they will develop into
productive scholars whose
writings reflect the importance of
private property, the rule of law,
and the market process
to the preservation of
individual liberty.*

Law Viewbook 2011 and identify themselves as applicants for a Levy Fellowship. Letters should be sent to the George Mason University School of Law, Office of Admissions, 3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201, or calls made to 703-993-8010. The codirector of the Levy Fellowship program, Professor Joshua Wright, may be contacted at jwright@gmu.edu. Levy Fellowship applicants are required to provide all items listed on the law school application instructions. In addition, applicants should send or arrange to have sent to the Admissions Office a cover letter with the names of three references, a curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, and a copy of current research. The deadline for fellowship and School of Law applications is April 1, 2011, but may be extended at the discretion of the director of the Levy Fellowship program.

Selection Procedure

Levy fellows are selected by the law school dean with the advice of a committee chaired by the director of the Robert A. Levy Fellowship Program. Preference is given to those candidates who show promise for productive interdisciplinary scholarship. Fellowships are granted for one academic year and are renewable, on evidence of satisfactory progress, for up to two additional years. Fellowship awards for the 2011–2012 year will be announced as soon after selection of recipients as practical.

George Mason University is an equal opportunity and affirmative action institution committed to the principle that access to study or employment opportunities afforded by the university, including all benefits and privileges, be accorded to each person—student, faculty, staff member, or applicant for employment or admission—on the basis of individual merit without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, sex, or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification). George Mason University shall maintain a continuing affirmative action program to promote equal opportunity and to identify and eliminate discriminatory practices in every phase of university operations. Inquiries regarding the university's equal opportunity and affirmative action programs may be made to the Equity Office, Mason Hall, Room D105, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030-4444, 703-993-8730.

Program Operation

Levy fellows are expected to fulfill all requirements for the juris doctor degree. In addition to meeting the normal degree requirements, all fellows are expected to attend the Levy Fellows workshop series and, during each of the second and third years of the program, are required to write and present one interdisciplinary research paper of publishable quality.

A special opportunity now exists for fellowship applications from PhD economists interested in the application of experimental economics to topics in Law and Economics. Levy Fellows will have the opportunity to run experiments and publish papers at the path-breaking Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science and the Center for the Study of Neuroeconomics. This is a unique opportunity to be cross-trained in Law and Economics while continuing to publish research papers in the areas of experimental economics, neuroeconomics and economics systems design.

To ensure payment of tuition and fees out of fellowship funds, Levy fellows are required to fulfill modest duties as teaching or research assistants in the School of Law or elsewhere in the university, depending on their qualifications, during all three years.