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FINAL REPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

**All questions must be completed to be considered for grant award.**

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<td>Date of Last PDG Award (Semester and Year awarded): Fall 2011</td>
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1. Project Title: ASSA conference and continuing education

2. Name of Principal Investigator/Project Director: Marc Anthony Fusaro


6. PI/PD Campus Phone: 968-0688 7. Amount Requested: $1739.11 8. Total Cost of Project: $1739.11

9. Will total funds awarded be expended by June 30th of the current fiscal year: Yes X No

10. If not, what is the total to be expended this fiscal year: $NA

11. What is the total to be carried over to the next fiscal year: $NA (if approved by the VPAA)

12. Project Completion Date: Jan 8, 2013 13. Travel Dates: Jan 3 – 8, 2013 (if applicable)

14. Does this project involve:
   Yes [ ] No
   [X] human subjects?
   [X] animals/animal care facility?
   [X] radioactive materials?
   [X] hazardous materials?
   [X] biological agents or toxins restricted by the USA Patriot Act?
   [X] copyright or patent potential?
   [X] utilization of space not currently available to the PI/PD?
   [X] the purchase of equipment/instrumentation/software currently available to the PI/PD?

NOTE: If the answer is “yes” to any of the above questions, the investigator must attach appropriate documentation of approval or justification for use/purchase.

SIGNATURES

Department Contribution (if applicable): $________

Account Number: ____________________________  Chairperson  Date

School Contribution (if applicable): $________

Account Number: ____________________________  Dean  Date

This Section to be completed by the Office of Academic Affairs

Previous PDG Award final report received: Yes ______ No ______

PDC Committee Award Recommendation: Yes ______ No ______

PDC Committee Proposal Rank: ______ of _____ Total Proposals.

Recommendation of VPAA: Yes ______ No ______ Recommendation of President: Yes ______ No ______

Award Date: _______
B. Restatement of Problem Researched

In this proposal, I am requesting the resources to attend the annual ASSA conference and the accompanying continuing education program. At the primary annual gathering of the economics profession I will be able to network with colleagues, attend research presentations made by the leaders in the profession, and attend a continuing education program on the topic of “Time Series Econometrics” a form of statistics used in studying economics.

C. Brief Review of Research Procedure

I arrived in San Diego on Thurs Jan 3, 2013. I was able to register for the conference and get checked into the hotel.

On Friday, Jan 4, Saturday Jan 5, and part of Sunday Jan 6 I attended the conference part of the conference.

By 3:00 on Jan 6 the conference sessions were complete. The continuing education program began at 4:00 on Jan 6, continued all day on Monday Jan 7, and concluded on Jan 8 at noon. The first half of the econometrics seminar was taught by Giorgio Primiceri, a faculty member at Northwestern University, and the second half was taught by Frank Schorfheide a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

D. Summary of Outcomes and Experiences

At the conference I networked with several economists, an endeavor which I hope will lead to some collaboration as well as got information and advice concerning the starting a research center. The seminar was intense. The seminar was billed as “time series econometrics”. The material being taught turned out to be Bayesian econometrics in macroeconomics. About 10% of the material was familiar to me from graduate school. This part was a good refresher. The rest was new knowledge. I do not feel that I would be able to perform any of the techniques demonstrated without significant study and work. However, I do feel like I am in a position to understand a piece of research which uses them.

E. Conclusions and Recommendations

The conference was good. It has been several years since I have attended this conference. I reconnected with several people who I rarely get to see. I believe that I should attend this conference more often. The seminar was very good. It was taught at a very high level or rigor. The materials provided were very helpful in keeping up with the course and will provide a good source of reference in the future. In summary, it is well worth the relatively low cost of the seminar. I hope to attend a future seminar at this conference.
F. Attachments

copy of cover of the course material booklet
AIA CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

TIME-SERIES ECONOMETRICS
Giorgetto Primiceri, Northwestern
Frank Schorfheide, Univ. of Pennsylvania

JANUARY 6-8, 2013