

Racial Inequality in the Economics Profession

Issues related to race and inequality are drawing much attention these days, and rather than simply pointing out inequalities elsewhere in the world economists have realized that they need to take a hard look at their own profession as well. To what extent is there racial inequality within the economics profession? Are black economists discriminated against by their non-black peers? Should there be more black students in Ph.D. programs? Why are there not more black economists in university departments of economics? This project will help to answer these questions with the help of econometric analysis.

Required skills:

The student should have strong econometric skills and some experience with Stata, the ability to interpret regression coefficients. Good English writing skills are particularly important.

Note: Professor Pongou has other ongoing research projects that students could become involved with instead of this one. You can discuss project options with him if you are assigned to this project.

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