

**Vanderbilt University**  
**Department of Economics**  
**Kirk Dornbush Research Assistantship, 2009-2010**

The Kirk Dornbush Research Assistantship is awarded annually and provides full stipend support for a graduate student who is working on a specific research project with a tenure-track or tenured faculty member. Under some circumstances, the Graduate Awards Committee and DGS will consider splitting the Assistantship into one-semester awards that support two students in a given academic year. Note that the award is applied for by faculty, not by the students.

The goals of the program are to enhance faculty research, to actively involve Ph.D. students in research projects that are complementary to dissertation completion, and to potentially serve as “seed money” that may lead to outside grants.

**Who may apply:** Tenure-track/tenured faculty members in the Department of Economics

**Application due date:** February 13, 2009

**Application materials:** Provide Kathleen Finn ([kathleen.m.finn.2@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kathleen.m.finn.2@vanderbilt.edu)) with an application letter addressed to the DGS. The letter should describe the research project, the specific student to be sponsored, the expected role of the student in the research project, and whether the project may lead to external grant applications. This should be less than five pages; concision is encouraged.