Henken Family Endowed Graduate Research Fund

Attracting top-quality graduate students is a strategic component for strengthening and expanding the current graduate program in economics at Tufts University. As part of this vision, the Henken Family Endowed Graduate Research Fund will provide the Department of Economics with the resources to support one or more “Henken Scholars” each year.

The Henken Family Endowed Graduate Research Fund will allow the department to pair outstanding graduate students with faculty members engaged in advanced research. Each Henken Scholar will receive a funding award during the summer or academic year, as they work as an advanced Research Assistant alongside faculty members at the frontier of the discipline. Henken Scholars will not only advance the research ongoing within the department but will also gain essential hands-on experience.

To be selected as a Henken Scholar will represent an important and prestigious award for the graduate student, and will signal high achievement in the student’s curriculum vitae, with great benefit at subsequent job interviews and other professional interactions. Similarly, it will represent a prestigious honor for faculty members selected as Mentors of Henken Scholars. Over the years, Henken Scholars and Mentors will come to constitute a selected and prestigious network, and will be able to link to each other across different academic generations for professional interchanges and support.

A key component of a successful graduate program is mentoring and collaborative research. The funds generously provided to support Henken Scholars will be used to attract top students to the graduate program. Increasing research opportunities for graduate students is an excellent way to defray the cost of graduate school and, at the same time, strengthen and support the research environment and output of the department.