The Kirk Dornbush Research Assistantship is awarded annually and provides full stipend support for a PhD student who is working on a specific research project with a tenure-track or tenured faculty member. The Assistantship may be split into one-semester awards that support two students in a given academic year. Note that the award is applied for by a faculty member, not by a student. 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 Economics Department.

Who may be supported by the grant: Econ Ph.D. program students who will have completed the required 72 hours by the beginning of AY 2017-2018.

Application due date: Friday, March 3, 2017.

Application materials: Provide Kathleen Finn (kathleen.m.finn.2@vanderbilt.edu) with an application letter addressed to the DGS. The letter should describe the research project, the specific student who would be sponsored, and the expected role of the student in the research project. This should be less than five pages; brevity is encouraged. The Committee on Graduate Awards and Honors selects the recipient. Committee members who apply for the award will not participate in the selection process.