THE EURASIA PROGRAM of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), in partnership with the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, invites applications for two intensive, five-day, interdisciplinary workshops devoted to quantitative social science approaches to social, political, economic, and cultural phenomena in Eurasia.

University Of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign • June 14–18
(Tentative Focus: Demography And Health)
Faculty Director: Professor Cynthia Buckley

University Of Wisconsin, Madison • August 6–10
(Tentative Focus: Economic Well-Being, Public Opinion)
Faculty Director: Professor Theodore Gerber

OVERVIEW
The SSRC Eurasia Program is offering intensive workshops to enhance training in quantitative methodology and increase familiarity with existing data sets among scholars of the region with policy-relevant interests. Workshops will consist of twenty hours of directed laboratory instruction and approximately ten hours each of supervised laboratory time (group assignments, individual research) and faculty/peer research assessments. Evenings will be reserved for informal discussions, group projects, and optional seminars on advanced themes in sampling, index construction, and non-linear regression approaches. The workshops will be led by experienced local instructors and senior resource faculty. Each participant will present their own research project during the course of the workshop. Participants will also generate a brief policy memo of one to two pages highlighting their work, for possible inclusion in the SSRC Eurasia Program Title VIII Policy Brief Series.

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must be a US citizen or permanent resident, be currently enrolled in an accredited PhD program or area studies MA program or have completed a PhD in the last five years, and have a research project with clear policy relevance. We will entertain applications from advanced scholars with clearly articulated and compelling reasons for inclusion. Applicants from the military academies and minority-serving institutions are particularly welcome. We will accept participants with a wide variety of skill levels and topics. Regions and countries currently supported by the program include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. All research projects must relate as a whole or in part to one or more of these locales.

APPLICATION
The application consists of a short application form, a summary of workshop goals, and a brief description of a research project on the Eurasian region that can be informed by quantitative data. Full instructions can be found on the Eurasia Program website: http://www.ssrc.org/programs/pages/eurasia-program/summer-workshops-in-quantitative-methods/

Application materials should be submitted electronically, in one PDF file, to the SSRC Eurasia Program at eurasia@ssrc.org by 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 10, 2012. All travel costs, workshop meals, instruction, and accommodations for participants will be covered by the SSRC through the Title VIII program. Should you have any questions, please contact Denise Mishiwiec at eurasia@ssrc.org or by phone at 718.517.3705.

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