The Regional and Community Outreach Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston sponsors a visiting scholar program. The department conducts applied policy research across several areas of interest, detailed below.

To advance research in these areas of interest, we invite researchers to apply for visiting scholarships for periods ranging from 3 months to one year. We give scholars working on the following topics which complement the Department’s current research agenda priority consideration:

- Foreclosure Prevention and Neighborhood Stabilization
- Smaller Industrial Cities
- Household Finance and Access to Credit
- Economic Education and Financial Literacy
- Community Development Lending and Investments

We accept applications on an ongoing basis. Visiting scholars are paid but the Department does not provide or pay for research or other staff support or pay for scholars’ relocation or travel costs.

Over the course of his or her tenure in the department, we expect that the visiting scholar will:

- Work on a substantive piece of research on a public policy issue of relevance to Regional and Community Outreach. It is expected that this work will be published in the Department’s discussion paper series (with the author retaining all future publishing rights to his or her work).
- Present preliminary results to department staff during an informal seminar and deliver a formal presentation at a later stage in the research department seminar series at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.
- Support the work of the Regional and Community Outreach staff. This may include, but is not limited to: co-authoring a paper, reviewing drafts of working papers and research reports, or advising regional policy makers in the scholar’s area of expertise.
- Interact with researchers and contribute to intellectual life in the department and the research department.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of intent, current curriculum vitae, and a 1,000-1,500 word research proposal to Erin.M.Graves@bos.frb.org. The letter should indicate the candidate’s interest in the position and its relationship to the abovementioned priorities of the department, the dates available, and salary requirements.