MISSION

The Harvard Environmental Economics Program (HEEP) develops innovative answers to today’s complex environmental issues, by providing a venue to bring together faculty and graduate students from across Harvard University engaged in research, teaching, and outreach in environmental, energy, and natural resource economics and related public policy. The program sponsors research projects, convenes workshops, and supports graduate education to further understanding of critical issues in environmental, natural resource, and energy economics and policy around the world.

PH.D. PROGRAMS

Pre-Doctoral Fellows pursue the Ph.D. degree in one of five Harvard University programs: economics, political economy and government, public policy, health policy, or business economics. Those interested in pursuing a Ph.D. degree at Harvard focused on environmental economics are encouraged to contact directly one or more of the program offices linked on the HEEP website below:

http://heep.hks.harvard.edu/phd-programs

From left to right: Pre-Doctoral Fellow alumni Todd Gerarden, Trisha Shrum, and Samuel Stolper listen to a presentation at a research workshop for current and former HEEP Pre-Doctoral Fellows.

RESEARCH

Faculty Fellows and Pre-Doctoral Fellows are actively engaged in research at the frontiers of the field and have made key breakthroughs in economics that are relevant to public policy. A small sampling of current research projects would include international policy architecture for global climate change; environmental policy in developing countries; the use of market-based instruments for pollution control; consumer adoption of energy-efficient technology; design of electricity markets; responses of business firms to environmental demands; and valuing environmental risk reductions.

HEEP Pre-Doctoral Fellow alumni Hunt Allcott ’09 (left) and Richard Newell ’97 (right) discuss energy-efficiency economics.

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FACULTY & PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

Harvard has tremendous strength in environmental energy, and natural resource economics, with that capability spread across several schools of the University: the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Harvard Kennedy School, and the Schools of Public Health, Business, Design, and Law. Faculty Fellows of the Harvard Environmental Economics Program (HEEP) are distinguished researchers and have held important positions in the President’s Council of Economic Advisors, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the World Bank, the World Health Organization, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

In recent years, HEEP Pre-Doctoral Fellows have gone on to become faculty members at Columbia, Duke, Tufts, New York, and Tsinghua Universities; INSEAD and the Universities of Michigan and Chicago; and Amherst, Dartmouth, and Colby Colleges; Fellows at Resources for the Future; and hold key positions in government agencies—including the White House and the U.S. Energy Information Administration; non-governmental organizations, including the Environmental Defense Fund; and multilateral development banks, including the World Bank.

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