The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) Research Scholar Initiative in Economics is a new non-degree granting program funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and GSAS. The program will provide a mentored research and academic program for individuals interested in pursuing a PhD in Economics or Econ-related areas. The program is for one year with an option for a second year. Each Scholar will work with a faculty member as a research assistant. In addition, Research Scholars may also take courses to enhance their academic preparation for doctoral work. An individualized plan will be developed for each participant. Scholars will be fully integrated into the activities of their resident department, the NBER and GSAS and will also participate in workshops and activities specific for the Research Scholars. Scholars will receive a stipend similar to incoming graduate students, health insurance and tuition to cover 1-2 courses/semester. We will also provide funds for GRE prep as needed. While we cannot guarantee admission to Harvard or peer doctoral programs, the goal is to enhance an individual's competitiveness and preparation for a doctoral program in Economics and related fields. The program is expected to begin in early July. If you are interested in being considered for this program, please send an email to sthomas@fas.harvard.edu. We anticipate making final decisions in early May.