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**Selection will begin on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Applicants should have already have taken, as a minimum, the following courses: intermediate microeconomics, statistics, and calculus. Mention the project(s) of interest when applying. Full application information is available at: <http://www.aec.msu.edu/grad/applying.htm>

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