

## **PCAOB Academic Fellowship Program For the 2010 -2011 Academic Year**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### 1. How do I apply?

- Interested candidates should send their application materials to the following email address: [AcademicFellow@pcaobus.org](mailto:AcademicFellow@pcaobus.org). The materials should include: 1) a vita; 2) a cover letter that summarizes the applicant's qualifications and provides a statement of interest explaining why the applicant wants to work at the PCAOB; and 3) one or two relevant research papers or recently published articles..

#### 2. How will the selections be made?

- A selection committee, which will include the Director of the PCAOB's Office of Research and Analysis (ORA), will review candidates' applications and may contact some candidates by phone. The top candidates will be invited to Washington, DC for an interview. The PCAOB will cover travel and lodging expenses for the interview. The final selection is expected around the end of February.

#### 3. What will be the role of an Academic Fellow at PCAOB?

- The Academic Fellow will work closely with the Director of ORA and will be involved in projects in support of both the Board's Strategic Plan and ORA's work plan. Specific work assignments would be developed jointly by the Director of ORA (or any other ORA supervisor) and the Academic Fellow and will depend upon the current needs of the PCAOB and the interest and personal qualifications of the Academic Fellow. The Academic Fellow will have access to the resources available to PCAOB employees in ORA, subject to statutory confidentiality and ethics requirements.

#### 4. Will the Academic Fellow be able to publish while at PCAOB?

The Academic Fellow may be able to publish, subject to the following conditions:

- The Academic Fellow's time at the PCAOB must be used to conduct research that is approved in advance by the Director of ORA;
- The Academic Fellow may not disclose confidential or nonpublic information received during the course of his or her Fellowship at the PCAOB;

- The Academic Fellow may not make predictions or comments about pending PCAOB rulemaking, litigation, or other matters that would adversely affect the PCAOB;
- The Academic Fellow may discuss public information relating to pending PCAOB rulemaking, litigation, or other matters as long as his or her descriptions are accurate and impartial;
- With respect to both completed and pending PCAOB matters, the Academic Fellow must clearly distinguish between his or her personal views and those of the PCAOB;
- The Academic Fellow must include the PCAOB's standard disclaimer, which is set forth in the Ethics Code Section 10;
- The Academic Fellow must submit the final version of his or her paper to the PCAOB's Office of General Counsel (OGC) for review to ensure that the paper does not contain any nonpublic or confidential information. A paper cannot be sent for peer review or publication unless the Academic Fellow receives OGC clearance.

In addition, all publication decisions are subject to the discretion of the Director of ORA.

5. Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

- Candidates may submit questions to [AcademicFellow@pcaobus.org](mailto:AcademicFellow@pcaobus.org) or contact Jana Hranaiova, Deputy Chief Economist, at 202-207-9297, or Andres Vinelli, Chief Economist, at 202-207-9291.