The Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) was established by the American Economic Association (AEA) in 1968 to increase the representation of minorities in the economics profession, primarily by broadening opportunities for the training of underrepresented minorities. The CSMGEP also works to ensure that issues related to the representation of minorities are considered in the work of the AEA, and engages in other efforts to promote the advancement of minorities in the economics profession.
Mentoring Program
Each minority graduate student is matched with a mentor who sees the student through the critical junctures of their graduate program or the early stages of their post-graduate career. The Mentoring Program also hosts an annual Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference. The conference facilitates contacts among minority students and faculty at different schools and at different stages in the pipeline.

Summer Training Program
Since 1974, the AEA Summer Training Program and Scholarship Program have worked to increase diversity by preparing talented minority undergraduates for doctoral programs in Economics and related disciplines. The program enables students to develop and solidify technical skills in preparation for the rigors of graduate studies.

Initiatives for Diversity and Inclusion
The CSMGEP, in cooperation with other related committees and sponsors, established several new initiatives to promote diversity and inclusion in the economics profession including departmental awards, seed grants, essay prizes, and professional development activities.

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