



Ben S. Bernanke

GRFP Recipient: 1975

Undergraduate Institution:
B.A. 1975, Harvard University

Graduate Institution:
Ph.D. 1979, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology

Graduate Field of Study:
Economics

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Current Position:
Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve

RESEARCH INTERESTS //

Ben S. Bernanke has published many articles on a wide variety of economic issues including monetary policy and macroeconomics, and he is the author of several scholarly books and two textbooks. Bernanke has held a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Sloan Fellowship and he is a fellow of the Econometric Society and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

A FOND MEMORY FROM MY EXPERIENCE AS A FELLOW //

“The NSF fellowship was a generous grant that got me off on the right foot. It gave me the freedom and flexibility to choose the school, the professors, and the areas of specialization within economics that I was destined to work in. It meant I was able to go directly from Harvard to the MIT graduate program, where I met Stan Fischer and Bob Solow and became interested in macroeconomics and economic history.”

AWARDS/ HONORS //

- Fellow, Econometric Society (1997)
- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2001)
- Distinguished Leadership in Government Award, Columbia Business School (2008)
- Named Time magazine's "Person of the Year" (2009)

POSITION PROFILE //

Bernanke began a second term as chairman of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System on Feb. 1, 2010. He also serves as chairman of the Federal Open Market Committee, the system's principal monetary policymaking body. Bernanke originally took office as chairman on Feb. 1, 2006, when he also began a 14-year term as a member of the board. His second term as chairman ends Jan. 31, 2014, and his term as a board member ends Jan. 31, 2020. Before his appointment as chairman, Bernanke was chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers from June 2005 to January 2006.