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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Anh Tung (Andy) Dao '15, of Hanoi, Vietnam, an economics and mathematics double major, will conduct a research project this summer titled "Trade Openness as a means of Economic Growth - An Empirical Study of Emerging Economies" with faculty sponsor Ilaria Ossella-Durbal, associate professor of economics.

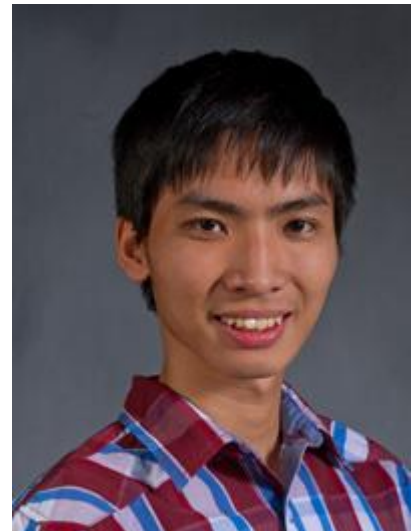
Dao's opportunity is possible thanks to Mark Israel, Class of 1991, who established the Mark A. Israel '91 Endowed Summer Research Fund in Economics as a testament to how important his undergraduate research experience was when he was a student.

"One of the very best parts of my Wesleyan experience was the chance to get my first taste of real, topical economic research, working in close collaboration with multiple members of the economics faculty, including Mike Seeborg, Bob Leekley and Margaret Chapman," Israel said. "Through this gift, I'm giving one student per year a chance to realize a similar experience, which just seems like the right way to pay something back for all that those experiences did for me."

Following graduation, Israel began a business career at State Farm, earned a doctorate at Stanford University and taught at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management before restarting his business career.

Currently, Israel lives with his wife Melissa Best '94 and their children in Washington D.C., where he is executive vice president with Compass Lexecon, one of the world's leading economic consulting firms.

For additional information regarding the Fellowship, contact the Department of Economics (309) 556-3171 or the Advancement Office at (309) 556-3710.



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