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Marquette economics chair named to Chicago Fed advisory council

Chowdhury will join other academics to provide monetary policy advice

MILWAUKEE – Abdur Chowdhury, chair and professor of economics in Marquette University’s College of Business Administration, has been appointed to the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank’s Academic Advisory Council. Chowdhury will join more than a dozen other professors from institutions within the Chicago Fed’s district to provide monetary policy advice to the central bank.

The Fed’s Academic Advisory Council meets twice annually in March and September. Charles Evans, Chicago Fed president, presides over the daylong meetings, which typically include Fed presentations on the economy and a roundtable discussion.

“I am honored and excited about this unique opportunity,” Chowdhury said. “That the Fed recognizes the value we economics professors can bring to shaping economic policy is laudable.”

“Dr. Chowdhury’s appointment to the Fed’s Academic Advisory Council is a shining example of our college’s commitment to research with relevance,” said Linda Salchenberger, Keyes Dean of Business Administration. “Not only do our students benefit from his research, but now the Federal Reserve will have the opportunity to capitalize on Dr. Chowdhury’s keen economic analysis in very practical ways.”

Chowdhury specializes in open economy macroeconomics and monetary policy. As the chief economist for Capital Market Consultants in Milwaukee, he prepares quarterly and monthly commentaries on U.S. and global economic issues and challenges. He also provides regular advice on economic policy issues to a number of investment firms and financial institutions.

From 2003-2008, Chowdhury worked as the chief economist and director of the Economic Analysis Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to joining the United Nations. He also worked as a senior researcher at the Central Bank of Finland and Senior Fulbright Scholar in Thailand. He is widely published in international professional journals, newspapers and other media outlets on a variety of global macro and monetary issues.

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