

ARE Welcomes Dr. Bulat Gafarov to Faculty

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS — The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE) is proud to welcome Dr. Bulat Gafarov to the faculty as an assistant professor.

Bulat earned a bachelor's and master's degree in applied mathematics and physics from the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. He also earned a master's degree in economics from the New Economic School in Russia.

"I grew up in Bashkortostan, one of the major oil-producing regions in Russia," Bulat said. "Naturally, I was interested in natural resource markets because it affected life around me. I also enjoy using the mathematical rigor gained from physics in economic applications."



Dr. Bulat Gafarov

Furthering his studies in the United States, Bulat earned a doctoral degree in Economics from Pennsylvania State University in 2017. He pursued a Ph.D. in order to become a professor.

"My grandfather was a teacher his entire life," Bulat said. "We are very close and I wanted to continue the family tradition. Also, this is a profession where one is able to interact with very smart people every day and work on exciting projects. On the top of that, the profession involves teaching and lot of travelling, two other things I very much enjoy."

Bulat applied to work at UC Davis because "it's one of the best applied economics departments in the world," he said. "I'm excited to collaborate with faculty and apply my statistical methods in order to contribute to various applied economic research projects."

His fields of interest include econometric theory, computational economics, macroeconomics, and energy economics.

"As an econometrician, I develop inference methods that use only accepted minimalistic economic assumptions," Bulat said of his research focus. "I am interested in various applications, from commodity markets to monetary policy."

There's one other benefit of UC Davis Bulat couldn't help but mention.

"I grew up in a harsh climate," he said. "I'm very excited to live a life without buying winter clothes."