

**CENTER FOR POVERTY RESEARCH
UC Davis**

**2011-2012 SMALL GRANTS COMPETITION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL: Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 5 PM PST

Purpose

The Center for Poverty Research (CPR) seeks to fund research that will expand our understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty. The goals of this program are to expand research in our Center's core research areas, with sound research design and high potential impact. CPR anticipates funding up to 5 proposals, up to a maximum of \$20,000 per award.

About the Center for Poverty Research

The Center for Poverty Research is one of three poverty centers with core funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). The Center was created in September 2011. One of its core missions is to facilitate non-partisan academic research on poverty in the United States, with special emphasis on the particular research themes listed below.

About the Center for Poverty Research Small Grant Program

We seek proposals for research connected to our core research themes:

- Labor markets and poverty
- The non-cash safety net, broadly construed to include education and health policies
- Children and the intergenerational transmission of poverty
- Immigration and poverty, especially in connection with the above three areas

Projects using either qualitative or quantitative data sources are eligible for funding. Because of the short length of the performance period, we do not anticipate funding projects that seek to collect new data.

Terms of Funding

The following terms apply:

1. Applicants for small grants must hold a Ph.D. and be in a tenure track academic appointment.

2. The Center is particularly interested in supporting early-career poverty researchers. Competitive proposals for which the PI is an Assistant Professor will be given more weight in the evaluation process.
3. Funding will begin on or before March 1, 2012 and funded activities must be complete by February 28, 2013. A final report and related policy brief will be due no later than March 31, 2013. No-cost extensions will not be allowed.
4. Receipt of a small grant from the Center for Poverty Research will require a commitment to 1) present the results of the research project at the UC Davis Poverty Center's February 2013 Small Grant Recipient Conference (travel expenses will be paid by the Center); 2) produce a draft paper by February 1, 2012; and 3) write a "policy brief" of two to three pages, based on the research findings, and aimed at a general audience by March 31, 2013. The policy brief will be made available to the public on the Center's website.
5. Funded scholars will be expected to complete at least one paper from the project suitable for academic publication. A draft paper will be due to the Center prior to the February 2013 Conference and, contingent on revisions and review, will be posted on the Center's website. All publications should acknowledge support from the Center for Poverty Research.
6. The Center will support expenses such as the PI(s) salary, research assistant's salary, data, software, supplies and research related travel.
7. The budget period is March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013. The maximum award is \$20,000 and it will be awarded either as a personal services contract to one or more researchers or through the applicant's home institution. Due to the limited funds available, indirect costs are limited to no more than 10 percent of the grant amount (if made through the applicant's home institution).
8. Direct questions concerning your proposal to poverty@ucdavis.edu

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary group of senior scholars affiliated with the Center for Poverty Research. Proposals will be evaluated based upon several factors, including:

- Relevance to the Center's core research areas
- Soundness of the research design, potential impact, and likelihood of success
- Qualifications of personnel
- Appropriateness of budget compared to project goals
- Balance of grantees between quantitative and qualitative research, and across disciplines

Application Instructions

Applicants should submit their proposal via email to poverty@ucdavis.edu. Proposals must be received by **5 PM Pacific Standard Time on Monday, January 31, 2012**. The proposal should be submitted as a single PDF file that includes the following elements in the order listed below:

1. A completed cover sheet (see last page of this document), including a short paragraph linking the project to at least one of the Center's core research themes. Link to [rtf version of cover sheet](#) or [PDF version](#)
2. A project narrative not to exceed 5 double spaced pages (excluding figures, references, and budget). The narrative should (1) clearly describe specific aims and their research and policy significance, (2) **very** briefly summarize the relevant literature, (3) present major hypotheses, (4) **fully** describe the research design, proposed methodology and data sources, and (5) indicate how the proposed analyses will address the research and policy questions. Long literature reviews should not be submitted. Particular emphasis should be given to items (3), (4) and (5).
3. An itemized budget and a budget narrative that explains each line item.
4. A project timeline listing specific milestones for study completion. The timeline must be within the period from March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013.
5. *Curriculum vitae* for all investigators.
6. A timely plan for obtaining IRB approval or exemption for human subjects research. UC Davis will not process the subcontract without a statement of IRB exemption/approval.

Timeline of Important Dates	
Deadline for receipt of proposal	January 31, 2012
Notification of award	February 15, 2012
Contract begins	March 1, 2012
Complete draft of paper due	February 1, 2013
Small grant conference at UC Davis	February 2013
Final report and policy brief due	March 31, 2013

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COVER SHEET

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Principal Investigator Information [If the proposed research involves more than one investigator, a principal investigator (PI) must be identified. All correspondence will be with the PI. Please identify all investigators.]	
Name	
Title	
Institution	
Department	
Physical Mail Address	
Email Address	
Phone, Fax	
Project Title	
Description of the Project's Link to Center's Core Research Themes (250 word limit)	
Total Funding Requested	