

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

CENTER FOR

# Poverty Research

Understanding poverty, shaping the future of poverty research



## Call for Proposals

### Graduate Student Research Fellowships: Winter & Spring 2015

**Deadline for Receipt of Applications:  
Friday, November 7, 2014**

The Center seeks applications from affiliated faculty researchers interested in hiring a GSR (up to 50% time) for Winter 2015 and/or Spring 2015. The Center anticipates providing four to eight graduate research assistant positions. Receipt of research assistance funds is contingent on agreement by the affiliated faculty member to write a two page policy brief based on the funded project in collaboration with the research assistant.

The Center seeks proposals from affiliates conducting research related to our core research areas:

- 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

#### **Terms of the Graduate Research Fellowship**

By the end of quarter following the fellowship, the supervising faculty will, in collaboration with the GSR and the Center's Senior Writer, write and submit a two page policy brief. The policy brief will be a summary of the faculty member's own poverty-related research (preferably the project for which the graduate student research assistant is hired), aimed at a general audience. All briefs will be disseminated by the Center. Examples of existing policy briefs are currently available on our website.

***Students with a concurrent GSR appointment during requested quarter of funding will not be funded. Limited funding is available for non- resident graduate students.***

## **Selection Criteria**

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

- The overall promise of the project's scholarly contribution;
- The project's relevance to the Center's core research areas;
- The student's academic achievement;
- The student's seniority—we are particularly interested in funding students who are at an early stage of their graduate career.

## **Application Instructions**

The application must be initiated by an affiliated faculty member. Only applications in which a particular graduate student is identified as the potential GSR for an affiliated faculty will be considered. Proposals must be received by 5 PM on November 7, 2014.

Please use the online [application link](#) to complete and submit the following elements:

1. A complete webform application, which includes the 500 word description of the anticipated research project, and 1) how it links to least one of the Center's core research themes, and 2) a description of the project specific tasks that the research assistant will be engaged in.
2. Student's academic transcript (unofficial is sufficient).