

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

CENTER FOR

Poverty Research

Understanding poverty, shaping the future of poverty research

CALL FOR FACULTY PROPOSALS FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS SUMMER 2014

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: May 5, 2014 (5pm PST)

Purpose

The Center for Poverty Research seeks applications from our affiliated faculty members who are interested in working with an undergraduate student on a poverty related research project. The Center anticipates providing up to 8 undergraduate students with internships during summer 2014. Internships will involve a minimum of ten hours of research activity per week during most weeks of the summer and will be paid up to \$1000 by the Center. Each intern will work under the guidance of the faculty member with whom s/he is partnered. In addition to their individual research experiences, summer interns will also participate in informal workshops with Center faculty affiliates. The aim of the workshops will be to provide interns with information about poverty-related careers, graduate school, and professional mentoring.

About the Center for Poverty Research

The Center for Poverty Research, founded in September 2011, 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). One of its missions is to facilitate non-partisan academic research on poverty in the United States, with special emphasis on the following research themes: the connection between labor markets and poverty, the non-cash safety net (particularly education and health programs), the intergenerational transmission of poverty, and immigration and poverty.

About the Center's Undergraduate Internship Program

We seek applications from faculty affiliates to work with an undergraduate student of their choosing. The student may be majoring in any of a variety of disciplines, including but not limited to economics, psychology, sociology, human and community development, and education.

We seek applications from faculty with research interests in 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

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Terms of the Internship

The following terms apply:

1. By May 30, 2014, each faculty-student pair will submit to the Center a memorandum of understanding regarding what the student's research duties will include, the time commitment required, and the expected work product.
2. Student interns will participate in several informal workshop sessions presented by Center affiliates and others.
3. When appropriate, interns will be encouraged to present a summary of their work at the UCD undergraduate research conference in spring 2015.

Selection Criteria

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

- The project's relevance to the Center's core research areas;
- The quality of the proposed research project;
- The planned level and quality of engagement of the student in the project

Application Instructions

The application must be initiated by a faculty member affiliated with the Center. We anticipate that many faculty affiliates will have in mind a student with whom they wish to work, but this may not always be the case. Projects that do not yet have an identified student partner will be posted on the Center website, and interested students can contact the associated faculty member. The faculty member will then select a partner for his/her project and application.

Affiliated faculty should submit proposals via [web form](#). Proposals must be received by **5pm on May 5, 2014**. 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 attached fillable PDF).
2. A 250-word description of the anticipated research project, including 1) how it links to least one of the Center's core research themes, and 2) the parts of the project to which the undergraduate student will contribute and the nature of the student's duties. **This should be completed by the affiliated faculty member.**



**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION
SUMMER 2014 COVER SHEET**

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Undergraduate Internship Application Information	
Name of Faculty Member	
Faculty Member's Department	
Faculty Email Address	
Description of the applicants' research project and connections to the Center's Core Research Themes (250 word limit, To be completed by the faculty sponsor)	
Name of Student**	
Student's Major	
Student's Physical Mail Address	
Student's Email Address	
Student's Phone Number	

**If student has not yet been selected, please enter N/A for the student information