

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

CENTER FOR

Poverty Research

Understanding poverty, shaping the future of poverty research

FALL 2015 VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARS REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:
March 2, 2015 (5pm PST)**



Purpose

The Center for Poverty Research at UC Davis seeks applications from graduate students who are interested in visiting the Center in order to expand their understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty. The Center anticipates hosting up to four graduate students during fall quarter 2015. Visiting graduate student scholars will be expected to participate in our graduate course on poverty and public policy, our graduate student retreat, attend poverty related seminars and conferences, and engage with faculty to develop poverty related research ideas. Graduate Scholars are matched with both a faculty affiliate of the Center and a current graduate student. They will also be asked to write a policy brief that will subsequently be disseminated through the Center's website. Graduate Scholars will receive a stipend of \$8,000 to cover living expenses while in Davis.

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 founded in September 2011. Its core mission includes facilitating non-partisan academic research on poverty in the United States, training the next generation of poverty researchers, and disseminating poverty research.

About the Center's Visiting Graduate Student Scholar Program

We seek applications from Ph.D. students in a variety of disciplines, including economics, psychology, sociology, social work, public policy and graduate schools of law and education, 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

Preference will be given to students who have completed (or nearly completed) their coursework and are in the early stages of their dissertation research.

Terms of the visit

The following terms apply:

1. Visiting scholars will be in residence at UCD for the Fall quarter 2015, from September 18, 2015 through December 18, 2015, and will be provided with shared office space with other graduate students.
2. Scholars will regularly attend and participate in the Center's interdisciplinary graduate course on Poverty and Public Policy. Scholars are expected to be on campus a minimum of four days most weeks.
3. Scholars will participate in and present their research in progress at the Center's graduate student retreat, scheduled for September 20-22, 2014.
4. During their residence, scholars will write at least one policy brief of such quality that it can be disseminated through the Center's website.

In addition to these expectations, visiting scholars should participate in the Center for Poverty Research seminar series, conferences and workshops. Visiting scholars will also have the opportunity to work closely with Center faculty to develop poverty related research ideas.

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:

- Relevance to the Center's core research areas
- Prior academic achievement
- Academic goals

Application Instructions

Applications must be received by **5 PM Pacific Standard Time on March 2, 2015**.

Please complete the web form located at: <http://poverty.ucdavis.edu/form/fall-2015-visiting-graduate-student-scholar-application>. In addition, the proposal should be submitted as a **single PDF** that includes the following elements **in the order** listed below:

1. A narrative not to exceed five double-spaced pages that clearly describes the applicant's career and research goals and how his/her research will be enhanced by spending an academic quarter at the center.
2. Applicant's *Curriculum Vitae*.
3. Unofficial transcript from current university.

Additionally, we require two letters of recommendation from faculty in the student's department. Recommendation letters should be emailed to povertycenter@ucdavis.edu directly from the faculty members.