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 4 graduate students during fall quarter 2012. Visiting graduate student scholars will be expected to participate in our graduate course on poverty and public policy and in 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, and will receive a stipend of $5,000 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 graduate students in a variety of disciplines, including economics, psychology, and sociology, 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 2012, from September 24, 2012 through December 14, 2012, 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.

3. Scholars will participate in the Center’s graduate student retreat, which is typically held in the middle of September.

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**

Applicants should submit their application via email to povertycenter@ucdavis.edu. Applications must be received by 5 PM Pacific Standard Time on May 1, 2012. The proposal should be submitted as a single PDF that includes the following elements in the order listed below:

1. A completed cover sheet (see attachment), including the description of the applicant’s current, or anticipated research and how it links to at least one of the Center’s core research themes. The description should be no more than 250 words.

2. A narrative not to exceed 5 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.

3. Applicant’s Curriculum vitae and unofficial transcript from current university.

4. 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.