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To: Food Assistance and Food Insecurity Researchers

From: IRP RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research

Re: Call for Visiting Food Assistance Research Scholar Applications for 2015–2016

The application deadline is May 15, 2015.

The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) invites applications from U.S.-based food assistance scholars to visit the IRP RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research for one week during the 2015 to 2016 academic year, interact with its faculty in residence, and become acquainted with the staff and resources of the Institute.

The intent of the IRP Research, Innovation, and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Center and the Visiting Food Assistance Scholars Program is to stimulate innovative research related to food assistance programs such as SNAP (formerly food stamps) and school breakfast and lunch, and to support training of researchers interested in food assistance issues.

Visits of one week can be supported during either fall or spring semester of the academic year 2015 to 2016. Visiting researchers will be invited to give a seminar, to work on their own projects, and to confer with IRP faculty affiliates. Transportation, lodging, and meal expenses will be covered by IRP and its RIDGE Program partner, the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

Interested scholars should submit the following materials (electronic submissions of a PDF file comprising all of the following five elements are preferred over hard copy):

- (1) a letter describing their food assistance and food insecurity research interests and experience;
- (2) the proposed dates for a visit;
- (3) a current curriculum vitae;
- (4) two examples of written material; and
- (5) an estimate of costs to be covered by IRP to: Institute for Research on Poverty, RIDGE Visiting Scholars Program, 1180 Observatory Drive, Madison WI 53706; fax: (608) 265-3119; e-mail: irpapply@ssc.wisc.edu.

Applications must be received by May 15, 2015. RIDGE Center Director Judith Bartfeld and Center Associate Director Lawrence Berger review applications and select scholars. Applicants will be notified of their status by June 19.

To learn more about the IRP RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research, visit <http://www.irp.wisc.edu/initiatives/irpridge.htm>.

Please share this information with anyone who might be interested in applying.

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