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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

USDA Requests Applications for Rural Child Poverty Nutrition Center

Grant will support strategies to reduce child food insecurity in rural communities

This RFA intends to select one institution/organization to establish the USDA Rural Child Poverty Nutrition Center. The role of this Center will be to develop and administer a series of sub-grants pertinent to the purposes of this grant, coordinate relevant grant-related activities among sub-grantees and researchers, conduct an evaluation of sub-grantees' programs, and widely disseminate information on communities' implementation strategies and evaluation findings. The goal of the Center will be to reduce child food insecurity by improving Child Nutrition Assistance program coordination with other nutrition assistance programs or services in persistently poor rural counties. Grant funds will be made available on a competitive basis, subject to availability of federal funds.

Approximately \$2.5 million is available for funding this new Cooperative Agreement. Multiple applications per institution will be accepted, however only one award will be made to one applicant.

Application deadline: December 1, 2014 | Award date: January 30, 2015

[Request for application package](#)

NIH Requests Applications for Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood that Influence Obesity Development (R01)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations which propose to characterize or identify factors in early childhood (birth-24 months) that may increase or mitigate risk for obesity and/or excessive weight gain and/or to fill methodological research gaps relevant to the understanding of risk for development of obesity in children. Studies must propose research in children from birth to 24 months, although any proposed follow-up assessments, if applicable, may continue past this period. Studies may also assess factors relevant to families and/or caregivers of children from birth to 24 months.

LOI deadline: January 26, 2015 | Application deadline: February 5, 2015 | Earliest start date: December 2015

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IRP RIDGE CENTER 2014-2015 AWARDS

The IRP RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research awarded funding to four food assistance research proposals following a national competition held in conjunction with the RIDGE Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The focal theme is "The Impacts of Food Assistance Programs on Food Security, Consumption Patterns, Food Choices, Nutritional Outcomes, and Other Diet-Related Health Outcomes." The \$40,000

grants run from July 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015. Winning proposal abstracts are linked in the list of awards below.



The Effects of the WIC Food Package Revisions on the Healthfulness of Food Purchases among WIC Households: Analysis of Grocery Store Scanner Data

PI: Tatiana Andreyeva, Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity, Yale University

[Abstract](#)



The Impact of Food Stamps on Age at Onset of Adverse Health Conditions

PI: John Fitzgerald, Department of Economics, Bowdoin College

Co-PI: Rachel Connelly, Department of Economics, Bowdoin College

[Abstract](#)



Patterns of Food Assistance Program Participation across Early Childhood and Associations with Child Food Insecurity and Kindergarten Well-Being

PI: Anna Johnson, Department of Psychology, Georgetown University

[Abstract](#)



The Dynamics of Food and Housing Assistance Programs Before and After the Great Recession

PI: Melissa Wilmarth, Dept. of Consumer Sciences, University of Alabama

Co-PI: Martin Seay (pictured center), School of Family Studies & Human Services, Kansas State University

Co-PI: Robert Nielsen, Dept. of Financial Planning, Housing & Consumer Economics, University of Georgia

[Abstract](#)

VISITING FOOD ASSISTANCE SCHOLARS 2014-2015



[Darcy Freedman](#) will be in residence at IRP for a week during fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. She is Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, School of Medicine; Core Faculty, Prevention Research Center for Healthy Neighborhoods; and Associate Professor, Mandel School for Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University. She has a transdisciplinary background in community psychology, public health, and women's and gender studies and practice experience forming and directing the Community Food Advocates food security coalition. She is a co-investigator on the "Midlands Family Study," one of the largest USDA-funded studies of children experiencing very low food security.



Jonathan Schwabish will be in residence at IRP for a week during the spring semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. He is a Senior Research Associate in the Income and Benefits Policy Center at the Urban Institute. His primary research includes earnings and income inequality, immigration, disability insurance, retirement security, data measurement, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). His food assistance projects include an examination of the characteristics of children who receive meals through the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; and a study of the earnings patterns of SNAP recipients before, during, and after their SNAP spells.

FOOD ASSISTANCE RESEARCH-RELATED RESOURCES



Recent additions to the [IRP RIDGE Center Website](#) include links to the latest online media coverage of food assistance programs, and research-related IRP publications in the *Focus* newsletter, *Fast Focus* research briefs, and discussion papers.

See also our [RIDGE News](#) page, which features select recent food-assistance-related news articles.

IRP DISCUSSION PAPERS



Is WIC Reaching Those in Need? Children's Participation in Nutritional Policy during the Great Recession

Margot Jackson and Gabriel Schwartz

[Abstract](#) | [Full text](#)

Supported from Both Sides? Changes in the Dynamics of Joint Participation in SNAP and Unemployment Insurance Following the Great Recession

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer

[Abstract](#) | [Full text](#)

PODCASTS

[Using Insights from Participatory Research to Inform Poverty Policy](#)

Mariana Chilton, Director of the Center for Hunger-Free Communities and IRP RIDGE Center Visiting Scholar



[Family Change, Father Involvement, and Child Food Insecurity](#)

Daniel Miller, Assistant Professor in the Boston University School of Social Work and IRP RIDGE Principal Investigator

[Food Security Trends and an Introduction to the Wisconsin Food Security Project](#)

Judith Bartfeld, IRP RIDGE Center Director, Professor in the Department of Consumer Science, and Specialist with UW Cooperative Extension

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IRP RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research

The U.S. Department of Agriculture established the RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research at the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. The USDA also established a second center, the RIDGE Center for Targeted Studies, at the Southern Rural Development Center at Mississippi State University.

The RIDGE Centers provide renewed focus on economic aspects of food and nutrition assistance research; stimulate new and innovative research on food and nutrition assistance issues; and broaden the support of both established and emerging food and nutrition assistance scholars.

Institute for Research on Poverty

The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), the nation’s original poverty research center, was established in 1966 at the University of Wisconsin–Madison as a university-based, multidisciplinary research center into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States. IRP is nonpartisan and nonpartisan.

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