National Poverty Fellows
Call for Applications

Applications Due November 27, 2023

Fellowships begin late summer 2024
Welcome

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Agenda

• Overview of IRP and our partnership with HHS
• Goals and elements of the NPF program
• Logistics of the application process
• Experiences of current fellows
• Application resources
• Q & A
• Wrap up and closing
Institute for Research on Poverty

- Located within the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- [https://www.irp.wisc.edu/](https://www.irp.wisc.edu/)
- Over 300 on and off-campus affiliates
- National Research Center on Poverty and Economic Mobility
- Leads the Collaborative of Poverty Centers
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National Poverty Fellow Program

• Fellowship created in 2014
• Fellows are UW-Madison Employees
• Work at
  – ASPE – Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation Within the Administration for Children and Families
  – OPRE – Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation
  – OCS – Office of Community Services
Fellowship Elements

• Fellowships are for one year

• 20% of the fellows’ time is allotted to their own poverty- or inequality-related research

• Two mentors: Academic research mentor and a policy mentor

• $3,000 professional development budget

• 2 visits to IRP and participate in IRP’s virtual professional development training series.
Eligibility and Salary

- US citizens who are up to 6 years post-Ph.D.
- substantive background in poverty, economic inequality, and social policy
- strong research skills
- excellent communication skills
- work well as part of a team
- pass a federal security background check
- Compensation is around $95,000 per year
Application Process

• Submit an intent to apply
• 3 academic reference letter writers
  – References must submit letters directly
• Complete the application form:
  – Statement of interest
    • Detail your interest, background and qualifications
  – Current CV
  – Relevant research/writing sample
Selection Process and Timeline

• November 27, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. CT
  – Application and reference letters due
• December 2023 – mid January 2024
  – IRP affiliates rate materials
  – Marah completes informational interviews with top candidates
• Late January to mid February
  – Top candidates sent to HHS
  – HHS completes interviews
• Fellowship begins late summer 2024
Fellowship Experiences

MARETTA MCDONALD
2022-2024 NPF
ASPE

SARAH CHARNES
2022-2024 NPF
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Next Steps

• IRP’s website best source of information
  – https://www.irp.wisc.edu/training/national-poverty-fellows-program/

• Fill out the intent to apply if you haven’t already

• Start asking your academic references to write letters

• Come talk to us at APPAM

• Send any questions to IRPApply@ssc.wisc.edu
Q & A

Put your questions in the Chat or the Q & A box
Thank you!

Send follow up questions to IRPApply@ssc.wisc.edu