



Institute for
Research on
Poverty

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

National Poverty Fellows Call for Applications

Applications Due November 27,
2023

Fellowships begin late summer

Research | Training | Policy | Practice

2024

Welcome



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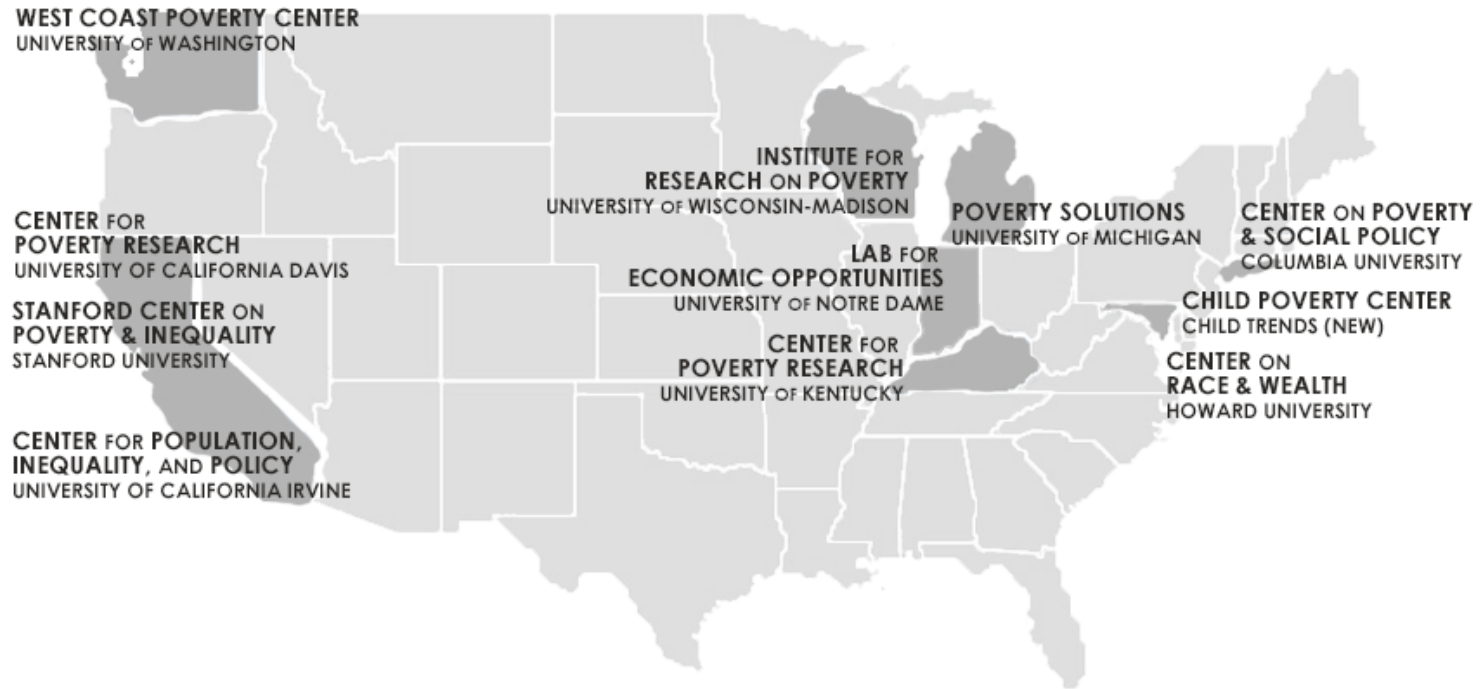
Agenda

- 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/>
- Over 300 on and off-campus affiliates
- National Research Center on Poverty and Economic Mobility
- Leads the Collaborative of Poverty Centers

Collaborative of Poverty Centers



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