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Poverty

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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Call for Applicants

# IRP EXTRAMURAL LARGE GRANT

## Refugee Resettlement Research

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# Welcome

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# Agenda

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- Overview of IRP
- Overview of Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
- 2025-2026 Focal Area
- Logistics of the application process
- Application resources
- Q & A
- Wrap Up and Closing

# Institute for Research on Poverty

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- 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

# Grant Overview

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- Ph.D. holding scholars at all levels associated with a university (either domestic or foreign) other than UW-Madison
- Fund research on Refugee Resettlement Research

# Policy-Relevant Research

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- generate actionable policy and/or programmatic implications at the federal, state, or local levels for refugee resettlement programs

# Meet the Presenters

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# Office of Refugee Resettlement

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- Located in the Administration for Children & Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Serves refugees and other humanitarian entrants
- Provides critical resources
- Promotes economic and social well-being
- Partners with federal and state government entities, local providers, and ten national resettlement agencies with hundreds of affiliated offices across the country



# Refugee Resettlement Outcome Domains

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## *Physical & Behavioral Health*

Refugees achieve their full potential for health and well-being through connection to culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

## *Employment & Economic Stability*

Refugees are economically self-sufficient, connected to sustainable forms of income, and progressing toward their personal and professional goals.

## *Education & English Language Proficiency*

Refugee children, youth, and adults achieve English language proficiency and access education to reach their academic, professional, and integration goals.

## *Social Adjustment & Integration*

Refugees build successful new lives in the U.S. by becoming actively engaged in their communities and gaining equitable access and participation in social and economic systems.

# Populations of Interest

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The populations served by the Refugee Program Bureau include:

- Asylees
- Cuban & Haitian Entrants
- Refugees
- Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Holders
- Survivors of Torture
- Victims of Trafficking

(For more details see factsheet: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/refugees/factsheets>)

# Annual Survey of Refugees (ASR)

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- Conducted annually since the 1980s
- Collects information on refugees arriving in the U.S. in the previous five years
- The only national survey on refugee self-sufficiency and integration
- ASR findings are included in the congressionally mandated ORR Annual Report to Congress, as per the Refugee Act of 1980 (*view ARC submissions via ORR website*)

# ASR Basics

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- Data collection grouped into three cohorts
  - 1.5 – 2.5 years in the U.S.
  - 2.5 – 4.5 years in the U.S.
  - 4.5 – 6.5 years in the U.S.
- Sample only includes those resettled with refugee status and does not include other humanitarian entrants
- Interviews conducted with CATI technology in 20 languages
  - Interview conducted with the Principal Applicant
  - Demographic data collected on all family members
  - Portion of data collected on all eligible adults in the family

# Using ASR Dataset

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Public-use archived ASR datasets for FY 2016 – FY 2022 can be accessed via the [Inter- university Consortium for Political and Social Research \(ICPSR\)](#)

Examples of project topics leveraging the ASR could include, but are not limited to:

- Do measures of economic self-sufficiency of recently arrived refugees vary based on their country of origin?
- How has the well-being of recently arrived refugees changed in the past few years?

# Logistics of the Application Process

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## Funding:

- Up to 3 projects awarded funding of up to \$50,000 each
- Funding includes indirect costs
- The grant contract period is flexible, depending on scope of the project (but cannot extend beyond September 29, 2026)

# Grant Activities

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- Meet with IRP within first 6 weeks of the grant period
- Submit quarterly progress reports
- Submit draft paper 3 months before the end of the grant period
- Meet with IRP within 2 weeks of submitting draft
- Submit revised final draft of paper by end of grant period
- Present the paper if asked
- Submit a final paper for academic publication within 9 months

# Two-Stage Application Process

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- Stage 1: submit online letter of interest by January 31, 2025
  - IRP will provide feedback to applicants by late February
- Stage 2: Invited applicants to submit online full proposal by March 28, 2025



# Q & A

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Questions?

# Wrap up & closing

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Thank you!