



Institute for
Research on
Poverty

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



Call for Applicants

IRP AND CRW 2026 GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH WORKSHOP

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Welcome



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Agenda

- Overview of IRP and CRW
- Overview of Graduate Student Research Workshop
- Logistics of the application process
- Application resources
- Q & A
- Wrap Up and Closing

Institute for Research on Poverty

- Director: Sarah Halpern-Meekin
- 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

Center on Race & Wealth



- Director: Haydar Kurban
- <https://coascenters.howard.edu/research-centers/center-race-and-wealth>
- Example Areas Focus:
 - Asset Building
 - Wealth Accumulation
 - Racial Wealth Disparities

Workshop Logistics

- Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22
- On the Howard University Campus
- 12-16 participants
- Group lectures
- Individual and small group work
- Consult with mentors

Workshop Goals for Participants

1. Increase their knowledge about poverty research and the context of human services and economic mobility policies;
2. Strengthen their interdisciplinary research skills;
3. Increase the policy relevance of their research,
4. Improve communication and translation skills for policy audiences; and
5. Gain the building blocks for a strong dissertation

Application Process: Eligibility

- Pre-dissertation proposal doctoral students
- Studying topics related to poverty or inequality in the US
- Attending a US university other than UW-Madison
- Be from an economically disadvantaged background

Application Process: Application

- Complete online Application Form
- Have your dissertation advisor complete the online Recommendation Form
- Deadline is January 30, 2026

Application Process: Timeline

- January 30, 2026: Application Deadline
- Early March 2026: Notification of acceptance
- May 18-22, 2026: Workshop dates

Awards

- Week-long workshop
- Funding for travel, meals, and lodging at Howard University
- Chance to apply for a \$4,950 student research award

Application Resources

- Get application instruction at:
<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/2026-graduate-student-research-workshop-call-for-applications/>
- Review frequently asked questions at:
<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/graduate-student-research-workshop-faqs/>
- Send questions to: irpapply@ssc.wisc.edu and brookemckie@gmail.com
- Sign up for IRP email announcements at:
<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/connect/>

Q & A

Put your questions in the Chat or
the Q & A box

Wrap up & closing

Thank you!