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2026 Call for Applicants

Visiting Poverty Scholars Program

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Research | Training | Policy | Practice

Welcome

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Program Goal

Enhance the research interests and resources available to poverty scholars from economically disadvantaged backgrounds

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Program Activities

Visit IRP or any one of its Collaborative of Poverty Center partners for one week to

1. Interact with the center's resident faculty

2. Present a poverty-related seminar

3. Become acquainted with center staff and resources

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Vanessa Delgado
2025 Visiting Scholar

During my visit, I had the opportunity to share my new research on aging (un)documented immigrants, connect with other early career faculty, and receive feedback from senior migration scholars. The experience was transformative and I gained a new community of scholars who are also passionate about immigrant wellbeing. I highly recommend the IRP Visiting Scholar's Program to all faculty!

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US Collaborative of Poverty Centers

WEST COAST POVERTY CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

CENTER FOR
POVERTY RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS

STANFORD CENTER ON
POVERTY & INEQUALITY
STANFORD UNIVERSITY

CENTER FOR POPULATION,
INEQUALITY, AND POLICY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE

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LAB FOR
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

CENTER FOR
POVERTY RESEARCH
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

POVERTY SOLUTIONS
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

CENTER ON POVERTY
& SOCIAL POLICY
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

CHILD POVERTY CENTER
CHILD TRENDS (NEW)

CENTER ON
RACE & WEALTH
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

Institute for Research on Poverty

- Located within the University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Director: Sarah Halpern-Meekin

- https://www.irp.wisc.edu/

- 300+ on and off-campus affiliates

- National Research Center on Poverty and Economic Mobility

- Leads the Collaborative of Poverty Centers

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Center on Poverty & Social Policy

- Columbia University
- Director: Christopher Wimer
- https://www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/
- 56 affiliates
- Example Areas of Focus:
  - Poverty Trends and Measurement
  - Tax Credits

Center on Race and Wealth

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

Poverty Solutions

- University of Michigan
- Director: Kristin Seefeldt
- https://poverty.umich.edu/
- 150+ affiliates
- Example Areas & Projects of Focus:
  - Detroit Partnership on Economic Mobility
  - Rx Kids
  - Understanding Communities of Deep Disadvantage

POVERTY SOLUTIONS
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Center for Poverty Research

- University of Kentucky
- Director: James Ziliak
- https://cpr.uky.edu/
- 24 affiliates
- Example Areas of Focus:
  - Food Assistance Programs
  - Food Insecurity

Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities

- University of Notre Dame
- Directors: William Evans, Heather Reynolds, James Sullivan
- https://leo.nd.edu/
- 106 affiliates
- Example Projects & Areas
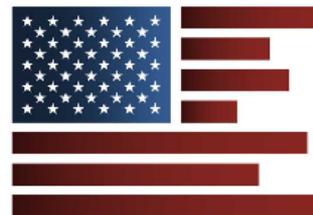 - Education
  - Criminal Justice
  - Healthcare

Stanford Center of Poverty and Inequality

- Stanford University
- Director: David Grusky and Sara Kimberlin
- https://inequality.stanford.edu/
- 160 on-campus affiliates, 420 national and international affiliates
- Example Projects & Areas of Focus:
  - Annual Poverty and Inequality Report
  - Social Mobility
  - American Voices Project

STANFORD CENTER ON POVERTY & INEQUALITY

Center for Poverty & Inequality Research

- University of California, Davis
- Directors: Marianne Page & Jacob Hibel
- https://poverty.ucdavis.edu/
- 50 Affiliates
- Areas of Focus:
  - Non-traditional Safety Net (Education and Health Programs)
  - Labor Markets and Poverty
  - Children and Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty
  - Immigration Policy and Poverty

CENTER FOR
Poverty Research
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Center for Population, Inequality, & Policy

- University California, Irvine
- Directors: Tim Bruckner, David Neumark and Jade Jenkins
- https://www.cpip.uci.edu/index.php
- 72 Affiliates
- Example Areas of Focus:
  - Child and Adolescent Development
  - Criminal Justice and the Life Course
  - Migration

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West Coast Poverty Center

- University of Washington
- Director: Jennifer Romich
- http://depts.washington.edu/wcpc/
- 46 affiliates
- Example Areas & Projects of Focus:
  - Child & Family Well-Being
  - Household Budgets
  - Income Supports

WEST COAST
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C E N T E R

Application Process: Eligibility

- Ph.D.-holding, U.S.-based poverty scholar at any career level

- From an economically disadvantaged background
  - come from a low-income family;
  - be from a family in which neither parent earned a four-year college degree;
  - come from an underserved urban, rural, or farming community;
  - have attended a high school with limited college preparatory curriculum;
  - have attended a high school in a high poverty concentration school district;
  - have other economic family circumstances that have impacted the applicant's educational opportunities.

Application Process: Funding

- Up to 4 scholars will be selected to visit a Poverty Center in the 2026-2027 academic year

- Funding covers:
  – Transportation
  – Lodging
  – Meals

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Application Process: Application

- Complete **online Application Form**:
- Upload as 1 pdf:
  - 2-page letter
    - describe poverty research interests and experiences
    - Indicate the CPC institutions that you are applying to (up to 3, ranked by preference)
  - CV
  - 2 examples of poverty-related written materials

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Application Process: Timeline

- April 3, 2026: Deadline for proposal receipt

- Mid-May 2026: Notification of award

- 2026-2027 Academic Year: Dates for Visit (flexible)

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Application Resources

- Learn more about the Visiting Scholars Program at: https://www.irp.wisc.edu/visiting-poverty-scholars-program/

- Call for Applications: https://www.irp.wisc.edu/visiting-poverty-scholars-program-2026-2027-call-for-applications/

- Send questions to: irpapply@ssc.wisc.edu

- Sign up for IRP email announcements at: https://www.irp.wisc.edu/connect/

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Q & A

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

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Wrap up & closing

Thank you!

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