



# Young Investigator Development Grants Program Request for Proposals

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M. (EST), Tuesday, July 20, 2010**

## ***Background and Purpose***

The University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (UKCPR), in cooperation with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, seeks proposals from untenured, junior faculty for social science research on issues salient to low-income populations in the United States. Topics of particular interest include, but are not limited to, persistent poverty, housing/homelessness, labor-market outcomes, human capital accumulation, transfer-program participation, child and family well being, the economic status of disadvantaged and underrepresented populations, and the impact of the current recession on the poor and effects of various stimulus package measures on this population. A preference will be given to proposals that are based on secondary data analyses, and that address poverty in the American South. See our Web site at <http://www.ukcpr.org/> for additional information on UKCPR and abstracts of previously funded projects available under the “Research” link.

These awards are intended to provide development funds to support new and continuing research on poverty by young academics. Another goal of this competition is to offer mentoring and networking opportunities to emerging poverty scholars, and to this end award winners are expected to attend a Small Grants Conference in May 2011 at the University of Kentucky. During this visit grant winners will give a presentation of their research project.

## ***Eligibility***

The competition is open to untenured, junior faculty with full-time academic appointments and who have completed their Ph.D.'s within the past seven years. Members of minority and underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Members of University of Kentucky faculty and postdoctoral fellows are not eligible for funding under this competition.

## ***Award***

The UKCPR anticipates funding 3 proposals, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per award. The Center will support expenses such as the PI salary, research assistant salary, data, computer services, supplies, and travel. The award will be established as a personal services contract between the PI and the University of Kentucky Research Foundation. Indirect cost recovery is not allowed. Drafts of final reports will be presented at a conference in Lexington in Spring 2011. The award period is Sept 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Final reports are due at UKCPR within 60 days of the final day of the award period. A 1000 word non-technical summary of the research question, methods, and findings is due at the time of final report submission. UKCPR will remit the final invoice payment after receipt of the final report. No-cost extensions are not allowed on these

grants. All funds must be expended by the end of the award period. Subject to the director's discretion, articles will be posted on the UKCPR Web site as part of the Discussion Paper Series, and summaries included in the periodic newsletter Insights on Southern Poverty.

### ***Application Packet***

To receive full consideration for a Young Investigator Development Grant, all applicants must deliver 5 paper copies via mail courier AND one electronic copy in Microsoft Word, PDF or RTF format via e-mail of the following items on or before 5:00 P.M. (EST), Tuesday, July 20, 2010:

- A cover page containing the title of the proposed research; applicant's name and institutional affiliation (if multiple authors, a PI must be identified); and contact information, including full mailing address, e-mail address, phone and fax numbers
- A one-page abstract summarizing the goals, methods, data, and policy implications of the proposed project
- A proposal, not to exceed 7 double-spaced pages (excluding budget, bibliography, and CV) with 12 pt. font and 1" margins on all sides, describing the motivation and background for the study, the research methods employed (theoretical and statistical models as appropriate), the data (as appropriate), the expected results, and the implications for poverty policy
- All proposals must contain a timely plan for obtaining IRB approval or exemption approval for human subjects research. The University of Kentucky will not process sub-contract awards without an IRB approval/exemption statement.
- An itemized budget detailing the allocation of funds requested such as salary, fringe benefits, tuition, travel, data, computer

services, and supplies. PIs are to budget for travel to Lexington, Ky. in May 2011 to attend UKCPRs annual small grants conference. The budget period is Sept 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. The award cap is \$7,500, and it will be administered as a personal services contract.

- Current curriculum vitae of (Co)PIs

### ***Application Selection***

Applications will be initially screened for relevance to the subject areas described in this RFP. Those passing the initial screen will be evaluated by senior scholars affiliated with the UKCPR and by staff from ASPE.

Proposals will be evaluated based upon several factors, including:

- The potential policy and scientific relevance of the proposed research in advancing our understanding of the causes, consequences, and correlates of poverty in the American South
- The quality of the study design, including statement of objectives, methods, data, and anticipated results
- The potential of the PI to make substantive contributions to poverty research
- The appropriateness of the budget in relation to the proposed project

### ***Application Deadline***

All application materials, (including 5 paper copies and one electronic copy) must be received by 5:00 P.M. (EST), Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

### ***Award Announcement***

On or about August 27, 2010

UKCPR Small Grants Conference  
Tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2011.  
Awardees must participate in this conference.

### **Final Report Deadline**

May 31, 2011

### **Application submission**

- Please submit all components of the application (5 paper copies by mail and 1 electronic copy by E-mail) to:  
Director  
Center for Poverty Research  
Mathews Building, Suite 300  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506-0047
- Submit one electronic copy of the proposal to [ukcpr@uky.edu](mailto:ukcpr@uky.edu) in Word or PDF format.
- Applications may be sent via U.S. mail or other private carrier. Faxed copies will not be accepted.
- Please direct questions to [ukcpr@uky.edu](mailto:ukcpr@uky.edu)

with “Young Investigators Program” in the subject line.

### **Director’s Discretion**

Nothing in this announcement should be construed as to obligate the UKCPR to make any awards whatsoever. Awards are contingent upon funding availability, the research needs of the Center, and the quality of applications received.

### **Funding**

Core funding for UKCPR and this competition is provided by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## About UKCPR

The University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (UKCPR) was established in October 2002 as one of three federally designated Area Poverty Research Centers, with core funding from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The UKCPR is a nonprofit and nonpartisan academic research center housed in the Gatton College of Business & Economics, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky.

The Center’s research mission is a multidisciplinary approach to the causes, consequences, and correlates of poverty and inequality, with a special emphasis on the southern United States. To learn more about the funded research programs of the UKCPR please visit our Web site. For general inquiries, further information about RFPs, etc., contact University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, 302D Mathews Building, Lexington, KY 40506-0047. Phone: (859) 257-7641, e-mail [ukcpr@uky.edu](mailto:ukcpr@uky.edu).

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