

**National Poverty Center, University of Michigan**

**Research and Training Program on Poverty and Public Policy  
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy  
University of Michigan  
Weill Hall, Room 5132  
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Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3091**

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS, 2009**

The purpose of the Research and Training Program on Poverty and Public Policy is to provide outstanding American minority scholars and scholars from economically disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity for one or two years of research and extensive training at the University of Michigan. This program encourages interdisciplinary research through course work, independent research and faculty interaction.

Selection Criteria - This fellowship is open to American citizens and permanent residents who are members of a group that is underrepresented in the social sciences.

Preference will be given to scholars who have received the Ph.D. after 2003. The research proposal that is part of this application will be reviewed by a selection committee of nationally recognized poverty researchers.

Residence -Applicants are expected to spend one or two years in residence at the University of Michigan. The application requires a brief statement that describes how you expect to benefit from the resources available at the University of Michigan.

All Postdoctoral Fellows will receive a stipend of \$50,000 per 12-month period plus subsidized access to the university's health insurance program. Modest research expenses, including access to the university's computer and support services, will also be provided. Moving expenses are the responsibility of the fellow.

Please carefully read the instructions on the Application Checklist.

This program is made possible primarily through a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

To ensure that your application is completed properly, check off the following steps as you finish them. ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 9, 2009. Applicants should read the program announcement including priority research areas before completing the application.

**FOUR COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL POVERTY CENTER BY THE APPLICANT. APPLICATIONS MUST NOT BE SENT VIA FAX OR EMAIL.**

*The Application Form that can be downloaded from the web.* Complete each item. Do not provide a resume or additional materials in lieu of completing the application form.

*A Research Proposal.* The research proposal is the **most important** part of the application. It should be typed, double spaced, with your name at the top of the first page. The statement should be no more than 15 pages in length (not including a bibliography or references). There is no prescribed format, but the proposal should: (1) clearly state the question(s) that the project seeks to address and describe why the answers to these questions are important; (2) **briefly** summarize the research literature or body of knowledge to which the research will contribute; (3) present major propositions or hypotheses; (4) **fully** describe the research design, methods and evidence that will be used in the research; and (5) indicate how the proposed analysis will provide answers to the research questions. Submitting an extensive bibliography is **not** recommended, but including a small number of relevant citations will help reviewers place the study in its field. **The proposal should give particular emphasis to items (3), (4), and (5).**

A successful proposal may represent a significant extension upon previous work by the applicant or a new poverty research project. Applicants who propose to extend their previous research should justify the extension theoretically: the collection of more cases or new data sets is not, in and of itself, sufficient reason to fund an extension of ongoing research. Applicants who propose a new project should explain their background and preparation for research in this area.

*A One-two-page Statement that* (a) specifies the ways in which residence at the University of Michigan will foster your career development and research goals and (b) provides information about how your racial/ethnic/regional/economic background qualifies you as a member of a group that is underrepresented among social scientists.

Applicants should name specific faculty members, centers or research programs, or research projects at the University of Michigan and explain how their work would benefit from contact and collaboration with affiliated scholars. Applicants should also discuss the training they would like to receive in specific methods, literatures, or research approaches, so that the selection committee can make appropriate determinations of the availability of such opportunities at Michigan.

*A Recent Copy of Your Curriculum Vita.*

*A Sample of Your Scholarly Writing* (e.g., a published article, chapter from a dissertation, draft manuscript). The writing sample should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages in length.

*An Acknowledgement Card.* Address it to yourself. It will be returned to you to notify you of receipt of all required materials including those forms completed by others.

**THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE MICHIGAN PROGRAM BY OTHERS:**

*Three Reference Forms.* Type the requested information at the top of both sides of the forms before distributing them. Ask your references to send their letters directly to the Research and Training Program.

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 9, 2009.  
DO NOT USE THESE FORMS AFTER JANUARY 9, 2009.**

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Postmark Deadline: January 9, 2009

PLEASE TYPE. Only applications (1) in English and (2) typed will be accepted. Do not write on the back or in the margins. Do not attach your resume in lieu of completing this form.

1. Name	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>
2. Current Mailing Address			<i>Home Telephone:</i> <i>Office Telephone:</i> <i>FAX:</i> <i>Email:</i>
3. Permanent Address			<i>Telephone</i>
4. Preferred Address	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>current address</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>permanent address</i>	
5. Are you applying for another fellowship or grant in conjunction with this application? (Please indicate which source)			
6. Citizenship	Race and/or ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native (Eskimo or Aleut)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> African-American
		<input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Latina	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Native Pacific Islander (Polynesian or Micronesian)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other group (please specify)	
If you are not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			
7. Current Position, title, and affiliation			
8. Major discipline (e.g., sociology, history, political science, etc.)			
9. Research specialty (e.g., homelessness, labor economics, children-at-risk, etc.)			
10. Highest degree currently held, discipline, granting institution and date (if Ph.D. expected please indicate date)			

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11. Project title (20 words or less)

12. In this space provide an abstract of your project.

13. Anticipated starting date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(not before July 1, 2009 and not after September 1, 2009).*

Fellowship Period: One year [ ]

Two years [ ]

14. List all schools attended above the secondary school level, most recent first.

*Institution*

*Dates Attended*

*Degree and Date Major Field of Study*

15. List awards, academic or professional honors, and fellowships held.

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16. List no more than five articles, books, or other research you have written. (One sample of scholarly writing should be included with the application. Do not submit other pieces unless specifically requested.)

17. List all professional positions you have held, present position first.

*Dates*

*Employer*

*Position and nature of work*

18. List three persons to whom you are submitting a Reference Form.

*Name*

*Office Address*

*Telephone*

*FAX*

*Email*

*Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name(Typed)* \_\_\_\_\_

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