Dissertation Proposal Workshop

May 17-21 , 2021
Howard University, Washington, D.C.
(Event may be held in person or virtually depending on travel restrictions)
Application Deadline: 11:59 p.m., CST, February 14, 2021

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ABOUT WORKSHOP

Howard University's Center on Race and Wealth (CRW) and the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison seek applications for the fifth annual Dissertation Proposal Workshop. This week-long workshop, held at Howard University in Washington, D.C., is aimed at pre-proposal doctoral students in the social sciences from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations who are studying topics related to poverty or inequality in the United States. If the sponsors are advised that it should not take place in-person due to health, safety and travel concerns related to Covid-19, the event will be moved to a virtual format. A determination will be made closer to the time of the event.

The workshop is designed to help provide students the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to prepare a dissertation proposal. Funding is provided by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as part of IRP's National Poverty Research Center award.

The workshop will be led by faculty from Howard University, IRP, and other institutions. Students will set and accomplish daily goals, participate in group lectures, work individually and in small groups, and consult with workshop mentors. Topics will include the following:

- Strategies for formulating a solid research question and hypotheses;
- Strategies for determining the appropriate research method and securing data;
- Goal setting and time management strategies; and
- Peer and mentor feedback on draft proposals.

ABOUT CRW

The Center on Race and Wealth seeks to enrich the dialogue, research, and policy formation with regard to asset building, wealth accumulation, and racial wealth disparities. CRW is a member of the U.S. Collaborative of Poverty Centers (CPC) and hosts the Dissertation Workshop as part of this collaboration. The Center's location in an economics department and in Washington, D.C., uniquely positions it to bring a wide array of economists and public policy advocates into the debate on poverty and inequality.

ABOUT IRP

IRP is a center for interdisciplinary research into the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality and the impact of related policies and programs. As the National Poverty Research Center sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, IRP coordinates the [U.S. Collaborative of Poverty Centers (CPC)](#) in an integrated set of activities with the ultimate goal of improving the effectiveness of public policies to reduce poverty and inequality and their impacts on the well-being of the American people.

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Eligibility

Applicants must be pre-dissertation proposal doctoral students studying at U.S. universities from at least one of the following underrepresented racial or ethnic populations: (a) African American or Black; (b) American Indian or Alaskan Native; (c) Hispanic/Latino; (d) Cambodian, Vietnamese, Laotian, or Hmong; and (e) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Preference will be given to those who are also of the first generation in their family to achieve a college degree.

Funding

If the event is held in-person at Howard University, funding for travel, meals, and lodging at Howard University (for students residing outside of the D.C. area) will be provided to successful applicants.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, please complete the **online application form**. Applicants are responsible for asking their primary advisor to fill out the **recommendation form** by the application deadline.

Both the applicant and the advisor will receive a confirmation e-mail when the recommendation is submitted. Note that the recommendation can be submitted before or after the application is submitted but both the application and the recommendation must be submitted by the deadline for the application to be complete.

CONTACT

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TIMELINE

Deadline for application submission	February 14, 2021
Notification	March 15, 2021
Dissertation Workshop dates	May 17-21, 2021, at Howard University/Virtual