

Call for Applications: Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) Retirement and Disability Research Summer Workshop

June 17 – 21, 2019 University of Wisconsin-Madison

Application Deadline: **April 15, 2019**

Workshop Information:

[Howard University's Center on Race and Wealth \(CRW\)](#) and the [Center for Financial Security \(CFS\)](#) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison seek applications for the Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) Summer Workshop. This week-long workshop, held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will bring together PhD students, newly graduated PhD researchers, and junior faculty who are interested in topics related to disability and retirement research in the United States. The goal of JSIT is to provide emerging scholars with training to develop research ideas and with mentoring to write an initial research proposal. The research proposals that scholars develop through JSIT may be eligible for small grants or other support. JSIT is supported by the [Social Security Administration Retirement and Disability Research Consortium](#).

This interdisciplinary training will be led by faculty from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and other institutions. This interactive workshop will include group and individual work, as well as seminar style presentations. Each participant will have access to a mentor and support to develop a research proposal over the course of the week. Workshop topics will include:

- Strategies for formulating research questions and hypotheses
- Working with data sets
- Communicating and translating research
- How to get the most out of a mentor relationship
- Grant writing basics

About CRW:

The mission of the Center on Race and Wealth is to enrich research, dialogue, and policy formation related to asset building, wealth accumulation, racial wealth disparities, racial disparities in law enforcement, poverty, and inequality. To carry out this mission, the Center enlists a team of experienced researchers at universities across the country to initiate and conduct rigorous original studies on these critical issues. The target audiences for this work include policymakers, advocacy groups, and the broader public. The work of these academic researchers is supported by research assistants from the Ph.D. economics program at Howard

University. The Center's location in an economics department and in Washington, DC uniquely positions it to bring together economists and public policy professionals to address central issues facing the nation.

About CFS:

CFS is a multidisciplinary research center that conducts applied research in household finance, consumer behavior and financial security over the life course with an emphasis on informing policy and practice with evidence-based strategies. As a designated center within the Social Security Administration Retirement and Disability Research Consortium, CFS oversees research, dissemination, and training programs, which develop evidence that assist policymakers, the public, and the media in understanding issues in Social Security, retirement, and disability policy, especially related to economically vulnerable populations.

Terms:

Eligibility: Applicants must be PhD students, newly graduated PhD researchers, or junior faculty studying or employed at U.S. universities (less than 3 years since graduation). Scholars from underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Funding: Funding for travel, meals, and lodging at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be provided. Participants may also have opportunities for research funding based on their proposal.

Application Instructions:

Submit application via the [Online Application Form](#).

The online application form includes questions that provide applicant information, research interests, and goals for participating in the JSIT program. Applicants are also required to upload a CV or resume and a letter of recommendation from at least one advisor or mentor. You will receive a confirmation email after you submit.

Contact:

For questions about the application, contact Dr. Janet Griffin-Graves at jrgriffin-graves@howard.edu

For questions about the workshop content and agenda, contact Dr. J. Michael Collins at jmcollins@wisc.edu

Timeline:

Application Deadline: April 15, 2019

Notifications: May 1, 2019 (via email)

JSIT Workshop: June 17–21, 2019 (Madison, WI)

Small Grants: Fall 2019