

2012 Junior Researcher Awards in Demography

The Center for Social and Demographic Analysis is again sponsoring several Junior Researcher Awards of up to \$5,000 each in 2012 to promote the development of demographic research agendas of junior researchers. Proposals should fit within CSDA's signature themes of Spatial Inequalities and Vulnerable Populations, or its initiatives in biodemography and health research. The primary purpose of these awards is to provide an incentive to help junior researchers succeed in attracting external funding from NIH or NSF on population related topics. Recipients of these small grants are expected to prepare a grant proposal for external funding either during the time they have this grant or shortly thereafter. Each awardee will be paired with a senior mentor.

Who is eligible to apply: Applicants must be at the rank of Assistant Professor or Instructor (or comparable rank in government if not faculty). In addition, if they are not currently an associate of CSDA, they must be eligible to be named one. Associates are appointed based on the relevance of the scholar's research to the field of population studies.

What funds may be used for: Money allocated under this program may be used to hire a research assistant, for research travel, conducting a pilot project, testing of instruments or some other use with approval. It may **not** be used for travel to conferences to present research already completed.

How to apply: Persons interested in applying for the grant must submit a short application (maximum five pages) in which they explain the research idea they wish to develop for funding, the importance of the idea, their background for studying this topic, and some initial ideas for conducting the study. They must also submit a budget for how they propose to spend the money, the name(s) of senior people they would like to serve as their mentor, as well as a current C.V. To reduce duplication of effort in applying for different programs, applications in the format mandated by the University's FRAP program are acceptable <http://www.albany.edu/research/Forms/FRAP.pdf>.

Dates: Applications must be received no later than February 17, 2012 and awards will be announced in mid-March 2012. Funds must be spent before September 30, 2012.

Where to submit: Completed applications should be submitted **electronically** to Linda Lawrence, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Center for Social and Demographic Analysis, llawrence2@albany.edu. Questions about the program should also be addressed to Nancy Denton, Associate Director at n.denton@albany.edu or call (518) 442-4497.