

W.E. UPJOHN INSTITUTE
FOR EMPLOYMENT RESEARCH

2010 Grant Program

NEW FOR 2010

The Upjohn Institute announces a call for applications for Policy Research Grants and Mini-Grants. Policy Research Grants are open to any interested researcher, while Mini-Grants are restricted to nontenured faculty members. Any proposal related to employment issues will be considered, but the Institute encourages research relevant to labor market issues of the recent/ongoing recession and recovery. A conference on these issues will be held at the Institute in Fall 2010, and successful grantees may be invited to participate. Topics of interest include but are not limited to the following areas:

- vulnerable groups, such as immigrants, older workers, and youths
- "jobless recovery": causes and consequences
- structural change and the cycle
- sectoral adjustments: autos, finance, real estate, etc.
- entrepreneurship, self-employment, and job creation
- workforce programs: challenges and opportunities
- UI extension and consequences
- finance and labor markets
- housing, migration, and regional adjustments
- state and local budgets and employment
- executive compensation

Policy Research Grants

Grantees under this program should produce two distinct products: 1) a Research Paper and 2) a Policy Brief. The Research Paper should be suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal and will be included in the Upjohn Institute Working Paper series. The Policy Brief focuses on the policy implications of the analysis presented in the Research Paper and is intended to be accessible to practitioners and policymakers. Policy Briefs will be posted on the Upjohn Institute Web site and may be distributed in paper copy by the Institute's Publications Unit. The research findings and policy recommendations may also be summarized in *Employment Research*, the Institute's quarterly newsletter.

The maximum funding amount is \$10,000.

Mini-Grants

The purpose of the Mini-Grant Program, which is reserved for untenured junior faculty within six years of earning their PhD degree, is to provide flexibility to meet special funding needs that, without support, would impede researchers from pursuing the project. Mini-Grant recipients are expected to write a research paper that would be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, to prepare a synopsis of the research for consideration as an article in the Institute's newsletter *Employment Research*, and to enter the paper in the Institute's Working Paper series.

The maximum funding for a Mini-Grant is \$5,000.

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Application Procedure

Applicants for a Research Policy Grant should submit eight copies of a proposal of up to five double-spaced pages. The proposal should outline their proposed research and its policy relevance and include a budget.

Applicants for a Mini-Grant should submit eight copies of a proposal of up to three double-spaced pages; it should outline their proposed research and its policy relevance and include a budget.

All applicants must submit eight copies of a vita that describes their professional qualifications.

Fax and e-mail submissions will be accepted.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals for Policy Research Grants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 1) Extent to which the research is likely to influence employment policy discourse
- 2) Extent to which the proposed analysis will contribute to a better understanding of policy issues
- 3) Appropriateness of the methodology for doing the analysis
- 4) Professional qualifications
- 5) Cost-effectiveness.

Proposals for Mini-Grants will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 1) Contribution to important labor market policy issues and to the professional literature
- 2) Technical merit
- 3) Professional qualifications.

General Instructions

The Institute does not pay indirect costs but will entertain any legitimate research expense as part of the budget. Acceptable items include costs for professional, technical, and support personnel; data acquisition; materials and supplies; computer services; and travel. The Institute does not fund dissertation research (although it does have a Dissertation Award program).

We expect the research to be completed within a year. Those who would like their papers to be considered for the research conference to be held in October 2010 should complete their paper by September 15, 2010.

Mini-Grant payments will be made to the individual upon award. Policy Research Grant awards are performance-based contracts and will be paid upon invoice, conditional on timely progress toward completing the Research Paper and Policy Brief.

Applications for all grants shall become the property of the Upjohn Institute. It is Institute policy to maintain an unrestricted publication right to the Policy Brief and to enter the Research Paper into its working paper series. Unaccepted proposals and rejected Research Papers and Policy Briefs will be returned upon request, without restrictions on further use by others. It is also Institute policy to encourage publication of the sponsored research in scholarly journals following submission of the Research Paper to the Institute. Submission of any material waives all rights to make any claim because of any use thereof by the W.E. Upjohn Unemployment Trustee Corporation, its agents and employees.

Submission Deadline and Notification Date

February 1, 2010—Deadline to apply

February 15, 2010—Announcement of awards

Applications are to be addressed to:

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