

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS TO SUMMER WORKSHOP

CONDUCTING RESEARCH USING THE SURVEY OF INCOME AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION (SIPP)

JUNE 24-28, 2013

Lead Instructor: H. Luke Shaefer

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 1, 2013 at 5 PM

The National Poverty Center (NPC) at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan invites applications to participate in a five-day workshop June 24-28, 2013, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The workshop will introduce participants to the use of micro-data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) and provide hands-on applications to prepare them to conduct their own SIPP-based research project.

H. Luke Shaefer, Assistant Professor of Social Work and NPC Research Affiliate, will lead the workshop in collaboration with researchers at the University of Michigan, the U.S. Census Bureau and other nationally recognized SIPP scholars. The National Poverty Center will pay travel, lodging, and meal costs for a limited number of participants.

Aims for this workshop include the following:

- ❑ Familiarize participants with Census Bureau concepts, such as earnings, household income, program participation, poverty, race, ethnicity, labor force status, and migration, and provide practical tips for handling the SIPP's complex sample design.
- ❑ Provide hands-on demonstrations for accessing SIPP data via the Census Bureau's FTP site and the NBER SIPP data page.
- ❑ Provide hands-on demonstrations of analyses of SIPP data related to poverty, employment and participation in safety net programs.
- ❑ Provide participants with an opportunity to conduct analyses for their own research projects and produce preliminary findings along with an appropriate public-used SIPP data set that can be used when the participant returns to her/his home institution.
- ❑ Introduce participants to new SIPP data products, including the SIPP Synthetic Beta and the new redesigned SIPP.
- ❑ Provide opportunities for participants to discuss the current status of key research and policy issues with nationally recognized experts.

Classes will meet for two and one-half hour sessions in a computer classroom each morning and afternoon. Participants will extract, work with, and analyze microdata files from the public-use SIPP.

This workshop will not offer instruction in statistics or formal research methods, but the presentations will cover the use of weighted data, tests of significance, analysis of variance models and both OLS and logistic regression models. Participants may want to consider attending, at their own expense, other summer courses offered in Ann Arbor by the Institute for Social Research (see <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/sumprog/> and <http://si.isr.umich.edu/>).

To Apply

Applications will be accepted from faculty, postdoctoral fellows, advanced doctoral students, federal, state and local-level policy and research analysts, researchers at non-profit organizations, and others who would benefit from this workshop. Preference will be given to applicants who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- ❑ Analysts who work for government agencies and nonprofit organizations who do not have access to instruction on using the Survey of Income and Program Participation.
- ❑ Emerging scholars (Assistant Professors, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Advanced Doctoral Students) working at universities and colleges that do not offer instruction in the use of SIPP.
- ❑ Members of groups historically under-represented in the social sciences. Faculty members from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should submit their proposal via email to npcinfo@umich.edu. Proposals must be received by 5 PM Eastern Time on Friday, March 1, 2013. The application should be submitted as a single PDF file that includes the following elements, in the order listed below:

1. Cover sheet with your name and institutional affiliation with mailing address, email address, and telephone number
2. Curriculum vita or resume
3. Brief summary of your current research or analysis activities (about 2 pages)
4. Description of how analyses of the SIPP Microdata will benefit your research and/ or the analysis needs of your agency or organization (no more than 2 pages)

Direct Questions to:

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The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 PM Eastern Time on **March 1, 2013**. Selected applicants will be notified no later than Friday, April 5, 2010.

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Survey of Income and Program Participation

The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is a panel survey that is representative of the U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population. It is a primary source of data on household income, labor force information, program participation, and general demographic characteristics in the United States. It is often used to estimate the effectiveness of existing federal, state, and local programs; to estimate future costs and coverage for government programs, such as food stamps; and to provide improved statistics on the distribution of income and measures of economic well-being in the country.

The survey design is a nearly continuous series of national panels, with sample sizes ranging from approximately 14,000 to 40,000 interviewed households. The duration of each panel ranges from 2 ½ years to 4 years, with the most recent panel starting at the end of 2008 and scheduled to end at the end of 2012. The SIPP sample is a multistage-stratified sample of the U.S. civilian non-institutionalized population. The survey uses a 4-month recall period. Interviews are conducted by personal visit and by decentralized telephone.

The survey was designed also to provide a broader context for analysis by adding questions on a variety of topics not covered in the core section. These questions are labeled "topical modules" and are assigned to particular interviewing waves of the survey. Topics covered by the modules include personal history, child care, wealth, program eligibility, child support, utilization and cost of health care, disability, school enrollment, taxes, and annual income.

For more information, visit the SIPP website at: <http://www.census.gov/sipp>