UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment

Public Policy Research Fellowship 2015-16

Application Deadline:

In 2015, the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment will offer a Public Policy Fellowship to graduates of a recent doctoral program in the fields of law, public policy, economics, political science, sociology, or a related field. The purpose of the fellowship is to support the public policy research of the IRLE on and labor and employment issues.

The UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment

The UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE) was founded in 1946 and is currently directed by Professor Chris Tilly. The IRLE’s mission is to foster research, teaching, and interdisciplinary discussion on labor and employment issues on the UCLA campus, and to link these activities to the wider community through outreach and service. The UCLA Center for Labor Research and Education (Labor Center), established in 1964, is part of the IRLE and includes a Downtown Labor Center. In the decades since its founding, the UCLA Institute has contributed significantly to the national dialogue on employment and labor issues, having housed numerous research studies of low-wage labor and working closely with local unions, community-based organizations, and policymakers to improve the working conditions, wages, and lives of low wage workers.

Fellowship Description

The Fellowship provides a unique opportunity to develop expertise in labor and employment public policy by participating in interdisciplinary research, publication of reports and scholarly work, and disseminating that work to policymakers. The Public Policy Fellow will work with Institute scholars on ongoing Institute research and other activities. Research tasks may include: conducting legal and social science research; preparing reports, policy briefs, journal articles; collecting, checking and analyzing data; and assisting in the preparation of research proposals. The fellow will also participate in the planning and facilitation of scholarly symposia, lectures, and conferences.

Eligibility

Applicants should have the following qualifications:

1) A doctorate degree in law, public policy, economics, political science, sociology, or a related field. *Must have completed work.
2) An aptitude for independent law and/or public policy research demonstrated through research and writing as a doctoral student or work experience after completed doctoral studies.
3) Knowledge and demonstrated interest in labor and employment issues, especially as related to low wage labor.
4) Strong academic records, writing, and communication skills.
5) Working knowledge of the use of legal research databases (e.g. Westlaw and Lexis) and other online academic databases (Jstor, Academic Search Complete, SAGE, etc.)

* Preferred: Experience with quantitative and/or qualitative data analysis.

Support

The Fellowship begins September 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016 (renewable to two years at the discretion of the IRLE). The Fellowship offers a salary based on experience and full benefits for a 12-month appointment. No classes can be taken and no degree will be offered as part of the Fellowship program.

To Apply

The fellowship application package should include a cover letter summarizing your qualifications for the Public Policy Research Fellowship, a resume and/or CV, graduate school transcript, and an academic writing sample. In the application package, please also include two letters of recommendation with one from a recent professor. Each letter should be signed by the writer of the recommendation letter, sealed in an envelope, and mailed to the IRLE office. The letters of recommendation may also be sent as a PDF via email directly from the recommender to Brittney Lee at blee@irle.ucla.edu.

Please mail letters of recommendation to:
10945 Le Conte Avenue, Suite 2107
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1478

Please send applications ONLY to Brittney Lee at: blee@irle.ucla.edu

For any inquiries regarding the fellowship, please email Shannon McGarry at: smcgarry@irle.ucla.edu

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Applications Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Applicants will be contacted for an in-person interview.