Hello students!

This is an exciting time at ASA for the Minority and Student Affairs Program.

The Director of the Minority and Student Affairs program, Jean Shin and I have been busy updating the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)'s application. For the first time the application will be completely online. In the past we have accepted applications through the U.S. Postal Service or via e-mail. With the application completely online the deadline is now a firm January 31st. You can find more information about the changes on page 2.

MFP is open to all sociology students of color who are enrolled in a program that grants the PhD in Sociology. The one-year Fellowship is open to all research focuses. Interested students should go over the eligibility requirements and application materials on the ASA website, at http://www.asanet.org/funding/mfp.cfm

The ASA Honors Program is also beginning to take applications from talented undergraduate students in sociology programs. Selected students will attend the 2013 ASA Annual Meeting in New York City where they will be fully immersed into the discipline through a variety of professional development and networking events. There is more information on the program on page 4.

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Call for Papers: 2013 ASA Annual Meeting

The 2013 Online Paper Submission System will open on December 7, 2012. The deadline for submission is January 9, 2013 at 3:00pm EST. Authors should receive notice of the final disposition of their submission by March 18, 2013.

The Program Schedule will be announced on April 30, 2013. No scheduling information is available prior to April 30, 2013.

All submissions for the 2013 program must be made via the online system. The online forms will prompt you through the steps required to submit your paper or discussion proposal.

Paper author should review the submission criteria, participation and program policies, and then prepare the following information and files in order to start the online submission process.

Authors may submit one or more separate and distinct papers, provided they understand that ASA participation policies prohibit more than one-sole authored presentation and no more than two presentations on the final program.

Authors who have two sole-authored papers accepted must decide which paper will be presented and inform the session organizers promptly.

Authors who receive more than two acceptances must make decisions regarding which two co-authored presentations to confirm.

To review the policies for paper submission for the 2013 meeting please visit the ASA website at http://www.asanet.org/AM2013/Call_for_Papers_Policies.cfm
Minority Fellowship Program Sees Changes to Application

For minority doctoral students applying for the 2013-14 Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) award year, they will notice changes to the eligibility requirements as well as the application submission process. Recently, the MFP Advisory Panel has had to adjust the way they review applications, due to the one-year duration of the award. In the past couple of years MFP has also experienced a large spike in applications, and last year the panel reviewed over 110 applications. With all of this happening, the Advisory Panel decided to revisit the eligibility requirements to see if things should be revised. Previously, the requirements stated that an applicant must be enrolled in or applying to a program that grants the PhD in Sociology. To receive applications from students who are well-ingrained in their department and research, we have changed the requirements to state, “applicants must have completed one full academic year in a program that grants the PhD in Sociology at the time of applying”. Applicants will also notice changes to the essay prompts.

Another large change to the MFP application is the submission process. In previous years applicants were able to submit their applications through USPS and e-mail with a postmark deadline (January 31st). This year for the first time all applications will be required to be submitted through an online submission portal on the ASA website. Applicants’ recommendation writers are also required to submit their letter through the portal by the January 31st deadline. All applicants interested in applying will need to create an account as soon as the portal is open in order to provide their letter writer’s enough time to submit their letter of recommendation.

All materials, with the exception of official transcripts, are required to be submitted online no later than January 31st; the online portal will close at 11:59 p.m. for both applicants and letter writers.

CRR Dissertation Fellowship at Boston College

The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College (CRR) is soliciting proposals for the Dissertation Fellowship Program in Retirement Research. The program’s purpose is to promote the next generation of retirement income and disability insurance research scholars and to improve the quality of scholarship in Social Security and retirement income studies.

Applicants must demonstrate that their dissertation focuses on one of the following research priorities: (1) Social Security, retirement income, and disability insurance; (2) macroeconomic analyses of Social Security; (3) wealth and retirement income; (4) program interactions; (5) international research; or (6) demographic research. Applicants are required to: (1) be enrolled in a qualified doctoral program at a U.S. university; (2) have completed all coursework and have completed the appropriate examinations or qualifications to be considered A.B.D.; (3) have a dissertation proposal focused on one of the Social Security Administration research priorities (see Priority Research Areas below); (4) have a dissertation advisor and committee. Doctoral candidates from all academic disciplines are encouraged to submit a proposal.

Up to seven grants of $28,000 will be awarded. The deadline for submitting a proposal is 5:00pm (EST) on Thursday, January 31st. Awards will be announced by the end of March 2013. The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA).

Minimum Requirements for Fellowship Applicants:
1. Applicant must be enrolled in a qualified doctoral program at a U.S. university.
2. Applicant must have completed all coursework and have completed the appropriate examinations or qualifications to be considered A.B.D.
3. Applicants must have a dissertation proposal focused on one of the Social Security Administration research priorities (see Priority Research Areas below).
4. Applicants must have a dissertation advisor and committee.

Priority Research Areas
Dissertation Proposals must be focused on a minimum of one of the following areas:
- Social Security, retirement income, and disability insurance
- Macroeconomic analyses of Social Security
- Wealth and retirement income
- Program interactions
- International research
- Demographic research

All Fellowship applicants must complete the online submission form found at our website: http://crr.bc.edu/about-us/grant-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program-2/.

Required components of the online application include:
1. Contact information, institutional affiliation, and education history.
2. Research proposal (Word or PDF attachment).
3. Current CV.
4. Electronic copy of doctoral transcript (scanned copies and/or degree audits are permitted).
5. Name and contact information of two persons writing letters of recommendation.

Letters of Recommendation
Fellowship applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation for their dissertation proposal. One letter must be from the dissertation chair or academic advisor. Letters are also subject to the above deadline, and must be submitted through the online system by the person writing the letter at http://crr.bc.edu/about-us/grant-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program-2/.
AERA Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop

Call for Applications
Deadline: December 7, 2012

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) invites fellowship applications for an Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop to be held at the 2013 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. This workshop is designed to build the talent pool of undergraduate students who plan to pursue doctorate degrees in education research or in disciplines and fields that examine education issues. Applicants are sought who have potential and interest in pursuing careers as education researchers, faculty members, or other professionals who contribute to the research field.

Award
Fellows will participate in the Undergraduate Student Education Research Training Workshop during the 2013 AERA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. They will also have the benefit of a distinguished mentor as part of the award. The award includes conference registration and two nights of lodging. The fellows and/or their home institutions are responsible for transportation costs to San Francisco.

Eligibility
Candidates may come from a broad range of fields across the arts and sciences. Underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Candidates must be:

- Students in their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college in good academic standing.
- Interested in pursuing a graduate or professional degree that can lend itself to education research areas such as children and youth, school and schooling issues, higher education, education policy, student achievement, curriculum and instruction, education psychology, or education leadership.
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Dates
Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28 - 2013 AERA Annual Meeting in San Francisco
2013 ASA Honors Program

The American Sociological Association seeks applications from exceptional undergraduate students who wish to be considered for the 2013 ASA Honors Program, which is highlighted at the ASA Annual Meeting.

Honors Program students come to the Annual Meeting and experience a laboratory on the profession. They participate actively in special sessions designed just for them, and develop valuable networks with their peers as well as meet prominent professionals in the discipline. Taking part in the ASA Honors Program provides a significant and meaningful early experience in the careers of the next generation of sociologists.

Participation in the Honors Program requires nomination and later, sponsorship, by a sociology faculty member at your college or university.

Interested students and prospective faculty sponsors are encouraged to consult the ASA website at http://www.asanet.org/students/honors.cfm for additional information and an application form. Questions? Contact Dr. Dennis M. Rome, Director, ASA Honors Program (dennis.rome@uwp.edu).

Application Deadline: February 15, 2013

Call for Applications: Postdoctoral Fellowship in HIV Prevention

CENTER FOR AIDS INTERVENTION RESEARCH (CAIR) NRSA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN HIV PREVENTION RESEARCH

The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin is now accepting applications for its Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in HIV Prevention Research. CAIR faculty are internationally-recognized for excellence in diverse areas of HIV prevention research.

This mentor-based, project-oriented program provides fellows with the opportunity to develop skills in

- Manuscript writing/publishing
- Grant writing
- Research team management
- Data management and analysis
- Professional development & job seeking skills

The CAIR Fellowship Program combines seminars, conferences, and other educational opportunities with individualized, one-on-one mentoring by CAIR faculty. Postdoctoral fellows are integrated into existing research projects and are mentored to help them develop their own program of independent research and establish a record of scholarly productivity. This 2-year fellowship program is open to US citizens with a PhD, PsyD, DrPH, EdD, MD, JD or other doctoral training.

Contact Dr. Steven D. Pinkerton (414-955-7700; pinkerton@mcw.edu) to request application materials. The application deadline for fellowships beginning in Summer 2013 is January 25, 2013. Fellowships are contingent on funding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: http://www.mcw.edu/cair/postdoc.htm

Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship

The Jack Kent Cooke Dissertation Fellowship Award supports advanced doctoral students who are completing dissertations that further the understanding of the educational pathways and experiences of high-achieving, low-income students. We seek to provide funding for doctoral candidates whose work informs and advances the following populations/aspects of our mission:

- high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds, and/or
- students who demonstrate the potential for achievement, and/or
- the conditions that promote high achievement (e.g., school settings, interventions, policies).

OVERVIEW

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, through its scholarship and grant making programs, advances the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Our work allows us to see first-hand how high-achieving students with financial need overcome obstacles and excel academically. Our research, however, has shown that many high-potential, low-income students are unable to successfully navigate these obstacles.

Dissertation fellowships are intended to support the doctoral student for work done after the student’s dissertation proposal has been successfully defended. Applications are encouraged from a variety of disciplines such as, but not limited to, education, sociology, economics, psychology, statistics, and psychometrics.

The fellowship is a one-time award of up to $25,000, which may be used for a period of not less than nine months and up to 18 months, beginning in June 2013. Award decisions are announced in May. See this link for 2013 timeline. We expect to offer four this year, with plans to increase the number in the coming years.

Eligible applicants must have completed all pre-dissertation requirements.

More information on the fellowship and to apply visit, http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/jack-kent-cooke-dissertation-fellowship-award/

Deadline: February 4, 2013
The Peter K. New Student Research Competition invites papers (maximum of 45 pages) based on original research in the general area of health or human services from students at the graduate or undergraduate level.

The competition winner will receive a cash prize of $2,000 as well as a Baccarat trophy. Travel funds will also be provided for the winner to present the paper at the Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting in Denver in March 2013. Second and third prizes will be awarded depending on the quality of the competition.


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