

2012 Early Career Research Grant Program

The Upjohn Institute requests proposals for Early Career Research Grants (previously called Mini-Grants). These grants are intended to provide resources to junior faculty (untentured and within six years of earning the PhD) to carry out policy-related research on labor market issues. The Institute supports and encourages research on all issues related to labor markets and is especially interested in topics related to the recent recession and current recovery.

Early Career Research Grant recipients are expected to write a research paper based on the funded work for submission to the Institute's working paper series; submit the paper to a peer-reviewed journal; and prepare a synopsis of the research for possible publication in the Institute's newsletter, *Employment Research*.

The maximum funding for an Early Career Research Grant is \$5,000.

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a proposal of at most 1,200 words (approximately four double-spaced pages) describing the proposed research and its relevance to labor market policy. The proposal should include an abstract and a brief budget. Applications must also include a current Curriculum Vita.

Submissions by e-mail are accepted at communications@upjohn.org.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals for Early Career Research 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

Specific 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.

Early Career Research Grant payments will be made to the individual upon award.

Applications for all grants shall become the property of the Upjohn Institute. It is Institute policy to require submission of the research paper to its working paper series. Unaccepted proposals and rejected research papers 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, 2012—Deadline to apply

February 29, 2012—Announcement of awards

Applications are to be addressed to:

Institute Grant Committee
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Inquiries and submissions may be sent to communications@upjohn.org.