

News from the CFS RDRC

CFS RDRC Announces Training & Funding Opportunities; Funds Research of JSIT Scholars; Posts Working Papers & Briefs



Introducing the 2022 JSIT Research Award Recipients

Five scholars from the 2022 Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) cohort were awarded funding for research proposals developed and refined through the [summer workshop](#) and the ensuing mentorship program. The scholars' projects investigate important topics related to labor force and employment across the life course, equity and access, and financial stability.

The 2022 JSIT Research Award Recipients:

- **Callie Freitag**, University of Washington, *Disability Determination, Employment Histories, and Age at First SSI Receipt*
- **Mina Addo**, University of Wisconsin-Madison National Poverty Fellow, *The Retirement Implications of Non-Standard Work*
- **Cody Vaughn**, University of Wisconsin La Crosse, *Employment Among Adolescent Children of SSDI Recipients*
- **Vikas Gawai**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Does Broadband *Technology affect the Applications Rates of the Social Security Benefits?: Evidence during the Closure of Social Security field offices*
- **Binderiya Byambasuren**, American University, *Long-Term Care and Family Caregiving Across Racial and Ethnic Groups*

The goals of the JSIT program are to develop scholars' research capabilities; hone innovative project ideas of relevance to SSA; and diversify the researcher base investigating the social safety net and financial security, especially for populations facing barriers. Learn more about the JSIT program and view the

CFS RDRC Funding and Training Opportunities Released

- **Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) 2023 Summer Workshop:** Howard University's Center on Race and Wealth (CRW) and the CFS RDRC annually conduct the Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) Summer Workshop. This week-long workshop, held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, brings together PhD students, newly graduated PhD researchers, and junior faculty who are interested in topics related to disability and retirement research. View the full description and link to apply [HERE](#).
- **Retirement and Disability Social Policy Extramural Mentored Fellowship Program:** The CFS RDRC EMF Program is an interdisciplinary program providing mentored fellowships in the field of retirement and disability research to early career researchers. Up to three extramural fellowships will be awarded for junior faculty (those who are non-tenured, postdoctoral researchers, or those in dissertator status). View the full description and link to apply [HERE](#).
- **IRP Extramural Small Grant on Poverty, Retirement, and Disability Research:** The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) in collaboration with the CFS RDRC have funding to support the study of populations facing barriers related to poverty, retirement, and disability policy. This small grant program is designed to expand the reach of poverty research into issues related to retirement and disability policies and programs. View the full description and link to apply [HERE](#).
- **Social Insurance Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF):** SURF is a competitive, four-week, in-person program housed at UIC that will provide promising undergraduate students with an introduction to social insurance; the policies surrounding the social safety net; research investigating these programs, and their impact on populations facing economic barriers. View the full description and link to apply [HERE](#).
- **A comprehensive list of Retirement & Disability Research Funding Opportunities** is available on the Social Security Administration's website: <https://www.ssa.gov/policy/about/research-funding.html>

Spotlight on Research: Investigating ABLE Accounts



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The Utilization of ABLE Accounts and Other Tax-advantaged Savings Accounts: A Scoping Review

Individuals with disabilities could achieve greater financial security due to recent legislation that incentivizes contributions to tax-advantaged savings in ABLE accounts. This study will perform a scoping review of existing literature related to the design, implementation, and outcomes of tax-advantaged savings accounts, including ABLE accounts. The



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objectives of this study include (1) a systematic search of the published peer-reviewed and gray literature specific to tax-advantaged savings (2) identify the types of tax-advantaged savings accounts used and describe their structures and key characteristics, (3) examine reported challenges and limitations noted in the implementation of tax-advantaged savings accounts types, and (4) synthesize key findings from the literature to inform future research.



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Improving Financial Security for People with Disabilities through ABLE Accounts

ABLE accounts are designed to promote financial security and independence among people with disabilities. Recent data suggests only about 1 percent of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients have an account, despite SSI recipients being particularly poised to benefit from ABLE, as it allows them to avoid the stringent countable asset limit.



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The study will enroll and seed 400 new ABLE accounts among eligible people in Illinois, each with \$100. The study uses mixed methods analysis including qualitative interviews, brief surveys with new ABLE enrollees who sign up for seeded accounts, and administrative data analysis on ABLE participation among these new enrollees. The study will build the evidence base regarding the barriers that lead many people likely to benefit from ABLE accounts to avoid these savings vehicles. Researchers are particularly interested in the relative importance of barriers to take-up, such as limited financial resources to save, limited knowledge and understanding of the program, and real or perceived administrative complexities. This study seeks to help policymakers design effective approaches to overcome these barriers.



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New Publications Posted

FY2022 Working Papers & Briefs

- [WI22-01: The Effect of Public Policies on Work Disability](#)
- [WI22-02: Exploring Worker and Firm Characteristics that Drive Use of Accommodation for Workers with Disabilities](#)
- [WI22-03: Family Proximity and Co-Residence in Retirement: Heterogeneity in Residential Changes Across Older Adults' Economic and Care Contexts](#)
- [WI22-04: All in the Family: Parents of Children with Disabilities and Retirement](#)
- [WI22-05: Social Security Interactions with Child Tax Credit Expansion](#)
- [WI22-06: The Power of Linked Administrative Data: Understanding Racial and Ethnic Differences in SSA and Means-Tested Benefit Receipt and Their Anti-Poverty Effects for Children in Multigenerational Families](#)
- [WI22-07: The Geography of Long-Term Care: Implications for SSI and Understanding Disparities in Living Arrangements Among Older Adults](#)
- [WI22-11: Housing for SSI Recipients: Expenditures, Quality, and Trends](#)
- [WI22-12: Health, Health Insurance, and Financial Security](#)
- [WI22-13: Household Composition, Resource Use, and the Resilience of Older Adults Aging in Community During COVID-19](#)

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