

Retirement and Disability Research Center 2021 Funding Opportunities

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About Us

Our Work: cfs.wisc.edu/

Applied Household Finance

Research: Focus on vulnerable families and life course

Training, Dissemination,

Outreach: 66 research affiliates at UW and beyond

Our Past Partners

Annie E. Casey Foundation

National League of Cities

CS Mott Foundation

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

MetLife Foundation

US Treasury

Wisconsin DFI



Social Security Administration

Retirement and Disability Research Consortium

Applied research program to develop evidence that can assist policymakers, the public, and the media in understanding issues in Social Security, retirement, and disability policy.



Retirement and Disability Research Consortium Centers

Boston College

NBER

University of Michigan

University of Wisconsin-Madison (CFS)



Wisconsin RDRC

Center for
Financial Security
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



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News Releases

UW-Madison's Center for Financial Security Retirement and Disability Research Center Is Awarded Third Year of Funding to Support Research on Financial Vulnerability

U.S. Social Security Administration approves 11 major projects, investigating topics including vulnerability to Social Security scams, identity theft among seniors, older Americans' changing work, and the impact of employment shocks. [Read the full press release here.](#)

UW-Madison's Center for Financial Security Retirement and Disability Research Center Is Awarded Second Year of Funding to Support Research on Financial Vulnerability

The Center for Financial Security Retirement and Disability Research Center (CFS RDRC) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been awarded a second year of funding from the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA). One of just four RDRCs in the country supported by SSA, UW-Madison's is the only one to focus specifically on the financial well-being of economically vulnerable families, older people, people with disabilities, low-wealth households, and children. [Read the full press release here.](#)

UW-Madison's Center for Financial Security receives funding for research on financially vulnerable

Building on the strengths of its affiliates and partners, the Center for Financial Security at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has been awarded a five-year cooperative agreement with the Social Security Administration's Retirement and Disability Research Consortium.

In the News

July 31, 2020 - ["Collins leads week-long workshop for junior scholars"](#) | La Follette School of Public Affairs Newsletter

July 16, 2020 - ["Second Annual Junior Scholars Intensive Training Held Virtually"](#) | UW-Madison News

May 28, 2020 - ["Moms of Kids with Disabilities Get Help"](#) | Squared Away Blog

March 19, 2020 - ["People on Disability Use Payday Loans"](#) | Squared Away Blog

March 3, 2020 - ["Pre-Retirement Debt is Rising Over Time"](#) | Squared Away Blog

February 25, 2020 - ["Have You Misplaced a Retirement Plan?"](#) | Squared Away Blog

January 7, 2020 - ["Credit Cards are the Most Stressful Debt"](#) | Squared Away Blog

October 2, 2019 - ["Junior Scholars Intensive Training Begins the Next](#)

Y3 (2020-21)



Y2 (2019-20)



Y3 (2018-19)



Overall RDRC Goals



Research and evaluate a wide array of topics related to Social Security's **Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance** (DI) and **Supplemental Security Income** (SSI) programs and related federal policies;



Disseminate information on these topics to policymakers, researchers, stakeholder organizations, and the general public; and



Provide training and education to scholars and practitioners in research areas relevant to these topics.



RDRC Research

Successful proposals follow these guidelines:

Significance/Relevance

Research on topics related to Social Security, retirement, and disability policy. Most importantly, proposals must make a strong case for how the research would contribute to knowledge about Social Security populations, policies or programs, explaining how the project directly impacts SSA or SSA beneficiaries.

Data/Methodology

Proposals clearly state the research questions and aims, describe the data and its appropriateness, and then provide a step-by-step narrative of how the methods will address these questions.

Investigators

Proposals often have at least one PI with an extensive publication record in the research area. Early stage researchers should include a senior researcher as a co-PI on the proposal, even if that researcher is only acting in a supporting/mentoring role (and receives little to no funding for themselves).

Funded RDRC Research - Wisconsin

Y1, Y2, Y3 Research lists include full-cycle projects, off-cycle projects, fellowship, IRP and JSIT projects:

- <https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/projects/2019>
- <https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/projects/2020>
- <https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/projects/2021>

Here you can review working papers, briefs and abstracts.



Current Opportunities

- ❑ Extramural Mentored Fellowship
- ❑ In-Residence Mentored Fellowship
- ❑ IRP Small Grant on Poverty, Retirement and Disability
- ❑ Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT)



Extramural Mentored Fellowship

Two 12-month fellowships are available:

- Start date: TBD but no later than August 23, 2021
- Stipend: \$40,000 and mentoring
- Deliverables: RDRC Working Paper, Research Brief, Policy Brief and quarterly progress reports to be cleared by SSA, and posted on CFS RDRC website

Complete Details:

<https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/2021-2022-extramural-mentored-fellowships-rfp>



In-Residence Mentored Fellowship

Two 12-month appointments are available:

- Start date: TBD but no later than August 23, 2021
- Salary: ~\$68,000 + health insurance + UW benefits and mentoring
- Location: SoHE, UW-Madison with office space and technology support
- Deliverables: RDRC Working Paper, Research Brief, Policy Brief and quarterly progress reports to be cleared by SSA, and posted on CFS RDRC website

Complete Details:

<https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/2021-22-in-residence-mentored-fellowships-rfp>



IRP Small Grant on Poverty, Retirement, and Disability Research

One 12-month grant is available:

- Start date: TBD in Summer 2021
- Stipend: ~\$45,000 and mentoring
- Deliverables: RDRC Working Paper, Research Brief, Policy Brief and quarterly progress reports to be cleared by SSA, and posted on CFS RDRC website

Complete Details:

[Institute for Research on Poverty](#)



Junior Scholars Intensive Training (JSIT)

12 spots for the 2021 JSIT Cohort are available:

- Summer Workshop: June 14-18, 2021 (mentored)
- Fall Workshop: August 30-31, 2021
- Research Competition: five \$5,000 awards in Fall 2021
- Ongoing mentoring

Complete Details:

https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/files/JSIT-2021_Call-for-Applications.pdf



Application Process

- ❑ Submit application through Formstack portal by 2/5/21
- ❑ Applications scored by outside reviewers (February)
- ❑ SSA review and approval (early March)
- ❑ Winners announced (late March)



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