

2025 Early Career Research Awards

The Upjohn Institute invites proposals for Early Career Research Awards. These awards are intended to provide resources for junior researchers (within six years of earning a PhD) to carry out policy-related research on employment issues. The Institute encourages research proposals on all issues related to employment and public workforce policy. Research of interest may examine how policies affect overall labor market outcomes or the labor market outcomes of different groups. Junior researchers in economics, sociology, public policy, political science, and related fields are encouraged to apply.

Early Career Research Award recipients are expected to write a research paper based on the funded work, submit the paper to the Institute's working paper series, and prepare a synopsis of the research for use as a policy brief and for possible publication in the Institute's newsletter, Employment Research.

Funding for an Early Career Research Award is \$7,500.

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a proposal of, at most, 1,200 words (approximately four double-spaced pages, excluding references), describing the proposed research and its relevance to employment policy. The proposal should include an abstract and a brief budget describing how the funds will be used. Applications must also include a current curriculum vitae.

Submissions should be made at <https://www.upjohn.org/form/ecra>. FAQs are at <https://www.upjohn.org/ecra-faq>.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals for Early Career Research Awards will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- 1) Contribution to important policy-relevant employment issues and to the professional literature
- 2) Technical merit

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. This grant does not fund dissertation research.

It is expected that the research will be submitted to the Institute within 18 months of award announcement.

Award recipients shall submit their funded research papers and synopses to the Institute for consideration in placing them in the Institute's working paper and policy brief series. Placement of a paper in the working paper series does not restrict the award recipient from placing the paper in other working paper series or using it for other purposes. The Institute reserves the right to feature the findings of the paper on its website or in any other of its publications, with proper attribution. Submission of any material waives all rights of the award recipient to make any claims because of any use thereof by the W.E. Upjohn Institute, its agents, or its employees.

Submission Deadline and Notification Date

January 18, 2025—Deadline to apply

April, 2025—Announcement of awards

Inquiries should be addressed to: communications@upjohn.org.

A list of all past ECRA recipients is available at <https://research.upjohn.org/grants>.