

2021 Early Career Research Awards

The Upjohn Institute invites proposals for Early Career Research Awards. These awards are intended to provide resources for junior faculty (untenured and within six years of having earned a PhD) to carry out policy-related research on labor market issues. The Institute encourages research proposals on all issues related to labor markets and public workforce policy.

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; submit the paper to a peer-reviewed journal; and prepare a synopsis of the research for use as a policy brief and for possible publication in the Institute's newsletter, *Employment Research*.

The maximum funding for an Early Career Research Award 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 vitae.

✓ New this year—submissions shall be made at <https://www.upjohn.org/form/ecra>.

Evaluation Criteria

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

- 1) Contribution to important labor market policy 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. The Institute does not fund dissertation research (although it does have a Dissertation Award program).

It is expected that the research will be completed within a year.

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

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 22, 2021—Deadline to apply

March 5, 2021—Announcement of awards

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

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