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Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institutes 2020

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Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics

June 28 - July 9, 2020 at Waterville Valley, NH

Application Deadline: February 25th, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST

The two-week Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics introduces graduate students and beginning faculty in economics and related disciplines to the findings and methods of behavioral economics—the application of psychological theory and research to economics. The program includes topics on psychological foundations such as decision-making under risk and uncertainty, intertemporal choice, biases in judgment, mental accounting, and social preferences, as well as the implications of these foundations for savings behavior, labor markets, development economics, finance, public policy, and other economic topics.

Participation is restricted to Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty within 1 year of their Ph.D. Students need to have completed at least one year of their graduate program before the summer institute. There are no restrictions based on citizenship, country of study, or country of employment.

Questions should be directed to programs@rsage.org.

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)

June 14 - 27, 2020 at Duke University

Application Deadline: **February 25th, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST**

The two-week Summer Institute in Computational Social Science introduces graduate students and beginning faculty in the social and data sciences (broadly conceived) to computational social science—the use of digital-age data sources and methods to conduct social research. The program will highlight issues about access, privacy, and confidentiality that are raised by the emergence of computational data and methods. The institute will also introduce participants to a network of scholars across disciplines with similar interests in these new data and methods.

Participation is restricted to Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers, and untenured faculty within 7 years of their Ph.D. There are no restrictions based on citizenship, country of study, or country of employment. Questions can be directed to rsfcompsocsci@gmail.com.

Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods (SIMRM)

May 27 - June 5, 2020 at University of California, Berkeley

Application Deadline: **February 10th, 2020 at 2 PM EST**

The 8-day Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods helps to train early career researchers in best-practices and in methodologies particularly relevant to the study of immigration and migrant populations. The 2020 institute will focus on: (1) ethics and best practices for mixed methods research design; (2) estimating causal relationships in research on immigrants and immigration policy; and (3) the use of administrative and linked, longitudinal data sources to study change over time and across generations. The institute will also include sessions on professionalization, including how to increase the impact of research by translating findings for policy discussions and the public.

Participation is restricted to Ph.D. students, postdoctoral researchers, and untenured faculty within 5 years of receiving their Ph.D. who do empirical research on migration. It is open to researchers in the social sciences, professional schools (e.g., Education, Public Policy), or digital humanities who have sufficient training and background to succeed.

Inquiries may be directed to organizer Jennifer Van Hook at jxv21@psu.edu.

Proposal Development Summer Institute (PDSI)

May 31 – June 6, 2020, University of Pennsylvania

Application Deadline: **February 25th, 2020 at 2 PM EST**

The one-week PDSI is designed to develop a participant's research idea into a completed proposal for future RSF application deadlines. The program will involve lectures, writing time, group work, peer review, panel discussions, one-on-one consultations, and networking opportunities. It will address both the technical and soft skills necessary for navigating the research development and grant application processes. There will also be outside speakers who conduct social science research with a variety of methods and data and have experience applying for and reviewing grants and getting their work published. Topics covered include a review of various research methods and data sources, research ethics, proposal/grant writing tips, navigating university bureaucracy, peer review, publishing, and free time for writing. There will be ample opportunities for students to discuss their ideas and research with the organizers, other participants, and visiting speakers.

More information on the PDSI can be found on our website here: <https://www.russellsage.org/summer-institutes>. Questions should be directed to programs@rsage.org.