

UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment
**CALL FOR FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENT PROPOSALS:
RESEARCH PRODUCTS SPEAKING TO BROAD AUDIENCES**
Proposals invited from all Southern California UC Campuses

Deadline 12/5/14

Ladder faculty, lecturers, and graduate students (including those in graduate professional schools) at the 5 Southern California University of California campuses (Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, and Santa Barbara) are invited to submit proposals for research products on labor and employment issues that speak to broad policy, practitioner, and public audiences. The products can include one or more of the following:

- A [Research and Policy Brief](#) (usually 4-12 pages)
- A [Report](#) (longer)
- A website or portal
- A video or multimedia presentation
- A thematically focused convening or forum, preferably also generating durable documentation of what was learned (such as a report of proceedings or one of the other formats noted above)
- A [Working Paper](#) would be an added plus, but is not in itself a sufficient product

Priority topics are listed at the end of this Call. UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE) staff will provide support with editing and formatting research products.

Award amounts: Awards can range up to \$10,000 for individual faculty members, and up to \$5,000 for individual graduate students (though we expect that most awards will be less). Submissions from more than one person are welcome, with allowable amounts scaled up accordingly.

Deadlines:

- Applications due 12/5/14. Decisions expected by 12/23/14.
- First drafts due 3/1/15, final drafts due 4/1/15. (Deadlines for documentation can be more relaxed in the case of a convening or forum, but in any case all work must be completed by 9/1/15.) There will be some preference for proposals able to commit to earlier completion.

Budget guidelines:

- No equipment
- No compensation for ladder faculty. Compensation for lecturers and graduate students is allowable.
- There will be a preference for faculty proposals that employ graduate and undergraduate students.

To apply: Application form available at www.irle.ucla.edu. Send to Brittney Lee at UCLA IRLE, blee@irle.ucla.edu. For information, contact her at this email or 310-206-5506.

Priority topics

Priority topics include the following. Research products on other topics relevant to labor, workplace, and working family issues are also welcome.

IMPROVING LOW-WAGE WORK

- Wage theft
- Worker misclassification (e.g. independent contractors)
- Green jobs
- Care work and domestic work
- Improving standards in informal work
- Overcoming racial stratification of low-wage work
- Addressing employment barriers caused by criminal justice system
- Occupational safety and health
- Strengthening the safety net (e.g. unemployment insurance)

BUILDING WORKER VOICE

- Young workers
- Worker center models
- Innovative organizing approaches (union and other)
- Lessons of labor and working class history

IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

- Deportation and incarceration
- Access to health care and other services
- Dream Act and DACA youth
- What can local and state government do in absence of federal action
- Immigrant organizing and mobilization models
- Facilitating naturalization