IRLE 2019-20 Dissertation Fellowship

The IRLE Dissertation Fellowship provides funding for doctoral students writing dissertations relating to IRLE’s mission. IRLE is an interdisciplinary institute at the University of California, Berkeley that promotes better understanding of the conditions, policies, and institutions that affect the well-being of workers and their families and communities. We inform public debate with hard evidence about inequality, the economy, and the nature of work. IRLE supports promising scholars from departments across the Berkeley campus.

The fellowship provides a stipend of $15,000 and in-state tuition and fees for the 2019-20 academic year.

Eligibility
- Registered UC Berkeley doctoral students who are nearing completion of a dissertation related to IRLE’s mission and in residence during 2019-20.

Fellowship Requirements
- Fellows are expected to be active and contributing members of an interdisciplinary community of emerging scholars at IRLE.
- In the spring semester, each Fellow will present a completed chapter or working paper at an IRLE research workshop.
- Fellows are strongly encouraged to publish their research in IRLE’s working paper or policy brief series.
- Because the purpose of the IRLE Fellowship is to enable full-time research and writing, Fellows cannot hold teaching or other academic appointments during the fellowship year.

IRLE Support
IRLE offers an interdisciplinary environment for students to develop their research ideas and receive feedback on written work. Dissertation Fellows are eligible to participate in IRLE’s Research Working Group, a weekly forum for presenting and critiquing academic work under the guidance of IRLE’s Director and Associate Director.

Fellows are eligible for shared office space at IRLE to facilitate their research and writing.

To apply
1. Go to https://goo.gl/forms/CQ7mXTOhzaaFfA8y2 and upload a short dissertation prospectus (less than 5 pages), your current CV, and a cover letter that describes your interest in IRLE’s mission and your trajectory for completing your dissertation.
2. Your dissertation adviser must email a recommendation letter directly to IRLE assessing the applicant’s promise, the expected contribution of the dissertation, and the applicant’s likely completion date if funded.

All materials must be received by March 22, 2019. Decisions will be announced by early April.

1 If tuition and fees are covered by another university source, IRLE will provide the $15,000 stipend only. Awards cannot be deferred to future years. Out-of-state fees and professional supplemental fees will not be covered.