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**GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RESEARCH AND PAPERS ON RACISM, POVERTY, AND PUBLIC POLICY**

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**DEADLINE: January 19, 2022**

**Purpose** Poverty Solutions, the Center for Social Solutions, and the Center for Racial Justice seek proposals for creative research on topics at the intersection of racism, poverty, and public policy that will lead to a written product such as a policy brief, essay, or longer literature review. Examples of such issues might include, but are not limited to: the destruction of vibrant communities of color for the building of interstate highways and other forms of infrastructure; policies and procedures within public benefit systems that have racially disparate effects; and discriminatory lending practices such as redlining. We are particularly interested in supporting research on issues that may not be as prominent as the topics previously mentioned.

We encourage graduate students from all academic disciplines and diverse racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds to apply. Members of groups historically under-represented in academia are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Terms of Funding** Selected students will receive a \$750 stipend. Half of the stipend will be paid when the project is awarded and the other half will be paid upon receipt of the final written document. Students will work under the guidance of staff at Poverty Solutions, the Center for Social Solutions, and the Center for Racial Justice. Projects, including the written product, are to be completed during the 2022 winter term. The final written document is due on the last day of the semester, **April 19, 2022**. Students will present their research at a public talk later during the winter term.

**Eligibility Criteria** Students must be enrolled and in good standing in a graduate program at the University of Michigan through the end of the 2022 winter term.

**Selection Criteria** Proposals will be evaluated upon: the degree to which the project builds knowledge that informs the understanding of the issue and its relationship to racism, poverty and public policy; and the feasibility of the research to be completed during the award period. Preference will be given to projects that tackle novel topics or that look at topics that have received substantial attention from a new angle. The selection committee strives to fund a diverse set of recipients representing the breadth of disciplinary backgrounds of U-M graduate programs.

**Application Instructions** Submit a 1-2 page project narrative that includes the title of the research, students name, email, program and departmental affiliation. Describes the project and its importance to understanding racism, poverty, and public policy. Submit the proposal in PDF format to: [PSGrantSubmission@umich.edu](mailto:PSGrantSubmission@umich.edu) by **11:59 PM EST on January 19, 2022**.

Applicants will be notified of a decision by **January 31, 2022**.

Direct questions to [PSGrantSubmissions@umich.edu](mailto:PSGrantSubmissions@umich.edu).