



# RETIREMENT & DISABILITY RESEARCH (RDR) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## For graduate students\*

- **Analyzing Relationships Between Disability, Rehabilitation and Work (ARDRAW)**  
*Administered by Policy Research, Inc.*  
\$10,000 graduate student stipend for research on rehabilitation and return to work for SSA disability beneficiaries  
**Annual application period:** November–February

## For doctoral candidates

- **Dissertation Fellowship Program in RDR**  
*Administered by The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College*  
\$28,000 fellowship (up to 3) for doctoral students writing dissertations on retirement or disability topics  
**Annual application period:** October–January
- **Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program in RDR**  
*Administered by National Bureau of Economic Research*  
\$24,324 stipend (up to 2) for full-time PhD candidates to conduct retirement- and/or disability-relevant research; fellowship also provides limited funds for tuition, health insurance, research expenses, and travel  
**Annual application period:** November–December

## For junior scholars (recent PhD recipients)

- **Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program in RDR**  
*Administered by National Bureau of Economic Research*  
\$80,000 stipend (up to 2) for new PhDs and early career researchers to conduct retirement or disability research; fellowship also covers health insurance and provides limited funds for research expenses and travel  
**Annual application period:** November–December
- **Small Grant Program on Poverty, Retirement, and Disability Research**  
*Administered by University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Financial Security Retirement & Disability Research Center, collaborating with the Institute for Research on Poverty*  
Up to \$45,000 grants to support poverty research (e.g., economically vulnerable populations) related to retirement and disability policies and programs  
**Annual application period:** December–February
- **Social Policy in Residence Postdoctoral Fellowship Program**  
*Administered by University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Financial Security Retirement & Disability Research Center*  
Approximately \$68,000 post-doctoral fellow stipend (depending on qualifications) for retirement and disability research relating to economically vulnerable households  
**Annual application period:** December–February
- **Social Policy Mentored Fellowship Program**  
*Administered by University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Financial Security Retirement & Disability Research Center*  
\$40,000 stipend (up to 2) for new PhDs and early career researchers  
**Annual application period:** December–February
- **Steven H. Sandell Grant Program**  
*Administered by The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College*  
\$45,000 grants (up to 3) to pursue cutting-edge projects on retirement or disability issues  
**Annual application period:** October–January

\* Masters, doctoral, or post-doctoral.

All eligible persons are welcome to apply.

We strongly encourage applications from women, minorities, people with disabilities, and veterans.

<https://www.ssa.gov/policy/about/research-funding.html>