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TO: Northwestern Faculty in the Public Policy Research Community

FROM: Fay Lomax Cook, Director
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RE: Call for IPR Faculty Fellow Applications for 2012-13

Applications due by January 23, 2012

This announcement is to call your attention to the opportunity to apply to be a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research (IPR) and to give you the information you need to apply. The mission of the Institute for Policy Research is to stimulate and support excellent social science research on significant public policy issues and to disseminate the findings widely – to students, scholars, policymakers, journalists, and the public at large. A number of interdisciplinary programs have been formally established at IPR, and we plan to continue to make appointments that contribute to them. Our current program areas are: (1) Poverty, Race, and Inequality; (2) Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies; (3) Education Policy; (4) Philanthropy and Nonprofit Organizations, (5) Politics, Institutions, and Public Policy (PIPP), (6) Urban Policy and Community Development,

(7) Social Disparities and Health, and (8) Quantitative Methods for Policy Research. Research supported by the Institute need not necessarily fit neatly into any of these programs, but preference will be given to faculty whose research relates to one of them and, thus, to the work of other researchers at IPR.

A quarter-time appointment at IPR allows release from teaching a quarter of one's regular course load, usually one course each year for the term of the appointment (usually two to three years), and a half-time appointment allows release from teaching half of one's regular course load (usually two courses a year for the term of the appointment). This support is given to foster Faculty Fellows' policy-relevant research and enable IPR Faculty Fellows to be actively involved with IPR's community of scholars.

Faculty Fellows have access to all IPR activities and services, research programs, and support. In particular they will have access to (1) financial administration (proposal and budget

preparation, grants management, including expenditure accounting for grants in progress; and preparation of financial reports for funders) and (2) dissemination (dissemination of research results through IPR's publications department, and working paper series).

Occasionally, IPR may be able to provide research assistance (graduate or undergraduate) or to help with the purchase of data or other expenses pertinent to research if these would prepare the way for you to apply for external funding.

In awarding IPR Faculty Fellowships, the Appointments Committee will consider the following criteria: (a) the quality and policy relevance of the proposed research, (b) prior research and publication record, (c) research resulting from any prior support from the Institute (pre-publications or publications), and (d) plans to attempt to obtain external support for the proposed research project.

Applicants usually request quarter-time appointments, but in exceptional cases may request a half-time appointment. The criteria for half-time appointments are (1) the quality and quantity of policy relevant scholarship, (2) the amount of external funding (both academic year salary recovery and indirect cost recovery; although a 20% minimum for salary recovery is usually considered necessary for a half time appointment; in some cases a faculty fellow with a high level of indirect cost recovery from grants may meet this criterion), (3) the level of active citizenship at IPR, and (4) the level of state or national policy relevant activities.

An IPR appointment implies some responsibilities to the Institute. We expect our faculty to attend IPR activities such as workshops, colloquia, and conferences; to give presentations of research occasionally at the IPR Colloquium Series; and, in general, to involve themselves in ways that will make the Institute more effective in strengthening policy-oriented research at Northwestern.

Faculty requesting IPR support are asked to make serious efforts to obtain outside funding.

You can apply for an IPR appointment by sending a proposal that includes the following:

1. a summary of your research interests and how your research relates to the Institute programs
2. your research plans and project for the coming year
3. the expected output in terms of books, articles, conferences, etc.
4. your specific proposed support request (a quarter-time or a half-time appointment as described in paragraph six above)
5. what efforts you are making or will make to obtain outside financial support.

Please enclose a current vita along with attachments of a representative sample of your recent publications (two or three articles, chapters, or working papers). Your application should be sent to:

Appointments Committee
Institute for Policy Research
2040 Sheridan Rd.
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The deadline for applications is Monday, January 23, 2012. Faculty Fellow appointments will be announced in mid-April.