

Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods 2020

The [UC Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative](#) is delighted to host the 3rd annual Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods (SIMRM), to be held at the University of California, Berkeley campus from May 26-June 5, 2020. The Institute is organized and directed by Irene Bloemraad (UCB) and Jennifer Van Hook (Pennsylvania State University). It is made possible by funding from the U.S. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Russell Sage Foundation.



The 10-day workshop will train up to 28 graduate students, early-career researchers and beginning faculty in best-practices and in methodologies especially relevant to the study of immigration and migrant populations. The 2020 program will focus on: (1) conceptualizing, measuring and imputing legal status in migration studies; (2) studying immigration through social media and computational analysis; and (3) current frontiers in research on migration and health. The institute will also include sessions on research ethics and professionalization. Each day of the institute includes a mixture of instructional lectures and hands-on practical instruction or discussion and it reserves time for feedback on participants' work.

Confirmed instructors:

- [Irene Bloemraad](#) (UC Berkeley)
- [Jenny van Hook](#) (PennState)
- [James Bachmeier](#) (Temple University)
- [Joanna Dreby](#) (SUNY, University at Albany)
- [Jens Hainmueller](#) (Stanford University)
- [Brandie Nonnecke](#) (UC Berkeley)

Eligibility

Participation is restricted to Ph.D. students, postdoctoral or early-career researchers, and untenured faculty within 5 years from their Ph.D. who do empirical research on migration. It is open to researchers in the social sciences, professional schools (e.g., Education, Public Policy), or humanities (including digital humanities) who have sufficient training and background to succeed.

The primary recruitment pool is universities, but the Institute welcomes applications from researchers in government or non-profit organizations. There are no restrictions based on citizenship, country of study, or country of employment. Those who might not otherwise be eligible for support under federal funding guidelines will be supported through the generosity of the Russell Sage Foundation. We especially encourage historically underrepresented scholars to apply

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted via the RSF online application portal, [Fluxx](#).

- 1) Create an account or log in to your existing account. ***Allow up to 48 hours for a new account to be approved; please register by February 1, 2020***
- 2) Start a new "Summer Institute" application and select "Migration Research Methods."
- 3) Submit the following documents:
 - a motivation letter explaining your current research, how it relates to the Institute's 2020 training priorities and how attending the Summer Institute will advance your research;
 - a research abstract (N.B: this is a brief text on the application, not a document upload);
 - a 3-5 page CV;
 - For Ph.D. students only: an (unofficial) grade transcript

Complete applications must be received by **February 10, 2020**. Organizers will notify applicants solely through e-mail by mid-March and will ask selected applicants to confirm their participation shortly thereafter. Inquiries can be sent to the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative at bimi@berkeley.edu. Technical questions about the application portal (Fluxx) can be sent to grantsmgt@rsage.org.

