

# 2026 Institute for Social Research (ISR)-Rackham Summer Training Awards

All required application materials must be returned by **Friday, March 13, 2026** to:  
**ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods:** [icpsr-sumprog@umich.edu](mailto:icpsr-sumprog@umich.edu)  
**Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques:** [isr-summer@umich.edu](mailto:isr-summer@umich.edu)

Rackham Graduate School is providing funds to encourage and support doctoral students from the University of Michigan to attend ISR summer programs in 2026. This financial support, in the form of grants administered by the Institute for Social Research, will be available on a competitive basis to a limited number of doctoral students enrolled at the University of Michigan. These grants will provide summer program fee support for participation in either or both the [Summer Program in Quantitative Methods at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research \(ICPSR\)](#) or the [Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques sponsored by the Survey Research Center \(SRC\)](#). Grants will be awarded in the form of "non-credit" program fees.

## Eligibility Criteria

The purpose of the awards is to identify and support University of Michigan doctoral students with the potential to develop careers using social science research approaches through the knowledge and training offered by participation in the SRC Summer Institute and the ICPSR Summer Program. The importance of the application of social science skills in multiple disciplines (including and beyond traditional social sciences fields) and other career areas is also recognized.

These funds are limited and available to doctoral students across all Rackham Divisions. Preference will be given to students who have not taken ICPSR/SRC courses before. Rackham Graduate School will pay for two-thirds (2/3) of the non-credit program registration fee only if there is department or faculty support covering the remaining one-third (1/3) cost. These awards can only be used to cover the program registration fee for not sponsored Summer Institute survey methodology courses (i.e., introductions to HRS are excluded), or the registration fees for methodology courses offered by the ICPSR Summer Program through their "General Sessions" and/or "Topical Workshops" ("Sponsored Workshops" are distinct and excluded).

If you have questions, please contact the ICPSR Summer Program at [icpsr-sumprog@umich.edu](mailto:icpsr-sumprog@umich.edu) or the Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques at [isr-summer@umich.edu](mailto:isr-summer@umich.edu).

### *Qualifications for Competition*

1. The doctoral student is in good academic standing in a Rackham degree-granting program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor;
2. The student is willing to elect survey methodology courses in the Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, or classes in quantitative methodology in the ICPSR Summer Program, and to complete all requirements for those courses elected.
3. Adequate background in social science statistics; and
4. Completion of application, including academic advisor endorsement.

Rackham is committed to providing opportunities for research training and development to all students, including those from a range of diverse backgrounds. Rackham Merit Fellows are strongly encouraged to apply.

### **Completed applications must include all of the following:**

1. **Funding application form** (to be filled out by the applicant)
  - a. Direct link to the funding application form: <https://forms.gle/x4S2y3wCMrzuubp7A>
2. **Applicant academic statement:** This statement (no longer than a page) should fully describe the compelling academic or career reasons for your participation in classes offered by either the Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques or the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods. In your statement you must provide the specific summer class(es) you would like to take and why.
3. **A recent unofficial University of Michigan transcript**
4. **Your academic advisor's endorsement** (see form below)
5. **Non-credit course cost-sharing form** (see form below)

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all elements of the application, including the advisor endorsement and non-credit cost-sharing form, are submitted by the deadline.

# Academic Advisor's Endorsement

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**The “Academic Advisor’s Endorsement” form is to be filled out by the applicant’s academic advisor.**

**Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026**

Applicant Name:

Advisor Name:

Based upon your knowledge of this student's academic performance to date, do you support this request?

Yes

No

Please comment on the applicant's academic promise and the relevance of this program to the applicant's professional goals and department/program research course requirements. You may use either or both sides of this sheet, or attach a separate letter.

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# Non-Credit Course Cost-Sharing Form

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**The “Non-Credit Course Cost-Sharing Form” is to be filled out by a department staff member who is authorized for funds administration.**

**Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026**

Applicant Name:

Department/Program:

If the student is accepted into a course and is eligible for Rackham support, Rackham will provide two-thirds (2/3) of the non-credit program registration fee if the department or faculty provides the remaining one-third (1/3) of the registration fee. Please indicate the source of funding for the remaining one-third fee.

Fee Source:

**Transfer funds from** (by department or faculty):

Chartfields Shortcode:

Fund: 10000

Dept. ID:

Program:

Project Grant:

Class:

The department staff member who is authorized for funds administration:

Signature:

Name (printed):

Email:

Phone:

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