

expanding the number of researchers conducting research on subjects of interest to HUD. Doctoral candidates can receive grants of up to \$25,000 to complete work on their dissertations. Grants are awarded for a two-year period.

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The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.517.

May 13, 2007, (72 FR 11758), HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing the availability of \$300,000 in FY 2007 funds for the DDRG Program. The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, HUD has funded the applications announced below, and in accordance with Section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, U.S.C. 3545). More information about the winners can be found at <http://www.oup.org>.

**List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program Funding Competition, by Institution, Address, Grant Amount and Name of Student Funded**

1. University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Kathy Young, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Urban and Regional Planning, 1901 South First Street, Suite A, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research Administration, Champaign, IL 61820-7406. Grant: \$24,957 to Julia Koschinsky
2. The Trustee of Indiana University, Robert Robinson, The Trustee of Indiana University, Department of Sociology, P.O. Box 1847, Bloomington, IN 47402-1847. Grant: \$24,842 to Evelyn Perry
3. North Carolina State University, Matt Ronning, North Carolina State University, Department of Public and International Affairs, 2701 Sullivan Drive, Administration Services III MS7514, Raleigh, NC 27695-7514. Grant: \$25,000 to Charles Reiss
4. Northwestern University, Susan Ross, Northwestern University, Office for Sponsored Research, 633 Clark Street, Evanston, IL 60208-1110. Grant: \$23,796 to Anita Zuberi
5. Princeton University, Sally Waltman, Princeton University, Department of Sociology, P.O. Box 36, 4 New South Building, Princeton, NJ 08544. Grant: \$22,220 to Debbie Becher
6. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Diane Barrett, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, 21 North Park Street, Suite 6401, Madison, WI 53715-1218. Grant: \$25,000 to Matthew Desmond
7. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Lewis Friedland, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Journalism/Mass Communication, 21 North Park Street, Suite 6401, Madison, WI 53715-1218. Grant: \$25,000 to Yong Jun Shin
8. Temple University, Roseanne Wallin, Temple University, Department of History, Room 406 USB, 1601 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122. Grant: \$25,000 to Charles Nier
9. Portland State University, William Helseley, Portland State University, Institute of Aging, P.O. Box 751 (ORSD), Portland, OR 97207. Grant: \$25,000 to Andree Tremoulet
10. The Trustee of Columbia University, Daniel Calto, The Trustee of Columbia University, 1210 Amsterdam Avenue, Mail Code 2205, New York, NY 10027-6902. Grant: \$25,000 to David Madden
11. Ohio State University Research Foundation, Laurie Rosenberg, Ohio State University Research Foundation, Sponsored Program, 1960 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43210. Grant: \$24,968 to Diana Karafin
12. University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Susan Sedwick, University of Texas at Austin, Office of Sponsored Projects, P.O. Box 7726, Austin, TX 78713-7726. Grant: \$25,000 to Jenna Tighe

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-5100-FA-27]**

**Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2007 Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Early Doctoral Student Research Grant (EDSRG) Program. The purpose of this document is to announce the names and addresses of the award winners and the amount of the awards to be used to help doctoral students cultivate their research skills through the preparation of research manuscripts that focus on housing and urban development issues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Brunson, Office of University Partnerships, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8106, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402-3852. To provide service for persons who are hearing- or speech-impaired, this number may be reached via TTY by Dialing the Federal Information Relay Service on (800) 877-8339 or (202) 708-1455. (Telephone numbers, other than "800" TTY numbers, are not toll free).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EDSRG Program provides funds to eligible doctoral students to cultivate their research skills through preparation of research manuscripts that focus on policy-relevant housing and urban development issues. Students, who are in the early stages of their doctoral studies, have 12 months to complete a major research study. The maximum amount to be awarded to a doctoral student is \$15,000.

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The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.517.

May 13, 2007, (72 FR 11758), HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing the availability of \$105,000 in FY 2007 funds for the EDSRG Program. The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, HUD has funded the applications

announced below, and in accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, U.S.C. 3545). More information about the winners can be found at <http://www.oup.org>.

**List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program Funding Competition, by Institution, Address, Grant Amount and Name of Student Funded**

1. Brandeis University, Stanley Bolotin, Brandeis University, Heller School, IASP, 415 South Street, Waltham, MA 02454-9110. Grant: \$13,580 to Hannah Thomas.
2. The Regents of the University of California, Irvine, Chris Abernethy, The Regents of the University of California, Irvine, Office of Research Administration, 300 University Tower, Irvine, CA 92697. Grant: \$15,000 to Rocco Pendola.
3. Tulane University, Dr. Felicia Rabito, Tulane University, School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology, 1430 Tulane Avenue, EP 15, New Orleans, LA 70112. Grant: \$15,000 to Elizabeth Holt.
4. University of Tennessee, Kay Cogley, University of Tennessee, Office of Research, 1534 White Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-1529. Grant: \$15,000 to Courtney Cronley.
5. The Regents of the University of California, Berkeley, Susan Hedley, Sponsored Projects Office, The Regents of the University of California, Berkeley, 2150 Shattuck Avenue, Suite 313, Berkeley, CA 94704-5940. Grant: \$15,000 to Richard Smith.
6. Trustees of Indiana University, David Renigold, Trustees of Indiana University, P.O. Box 1847, Bloomington, IN 47402-1847. Grant: \$14,413 to Stephanie Moulton.
7. The George Washington University, Harold Gollos, The George Washington University, Department of Economics, 2121 Eye Street, NW., Suite 601, Washington, DC 20052. Grant: \$14,700 to William Larson.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight**

**Statement on the Conforming Loan Limit for 2008 and Revised Draft Examination Guidance**

**AGENCY:** Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of statement and request for comments on Revised Draft Examination Guidance.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight is publishing today a Statement on the Conforming Loan Limit for 2008 and issuing for additional public comment a revised version of the Proposed Examination Guidance, entitled "Conforming Loan Limit Calculations" (Policy Guidance). Material in the proposed guidance does not constitute a regulation.

**DATES:** Comments on OFHEO's Revised Draft Examination Guidance should be received by November 21, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on OFHEO's Revised Draft Examination Guidance to: the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have any questions regarding OFHEO's Revised Draft Examination Guidance, you may contact Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, at (202) 414-3800 (not a toll free number). The telephone number for the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf is: (800) 877-8339 (TDD Only).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OFHEO's Revised Draft Examination Guidance is posted on the Internet at <http://www.ofheo.gov>. This document, as well as all others mentioned in the preamble can also be accessed on business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552. To make an appointment to inspect documents, please call the Office of General Counsel at (202) 414-6924.

*Comments Invited:* You may submit your comments on OFHEO's Revised Draft Examination Guidance" by any of the following methods:

- *U.S. Mail, United Parcel Post, Federal Express, or Other Mail Service:* The mailing address for comments is: Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, Attention: Comments/Revised Draft Examination Guidance, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight,

Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* The hand delivery address is: Alfred M. Pollard, General Counsel, Attention: Comments "Revised Draft Examination Guidance," Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552. The package should be logged at the Guard Desk, First Floor, on business days between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- *E-mail:* The e-mail address is: [RegComments@OFHEO.gov](mailto:RegComments@OFHEO.gov).

- *Internet:* When accessing documents online at <http://www.ofheo.gov>, comments can be sent by clicking the link for November 13, 2007.

- *Instructions:* All submissions of received comments must include the reference "Revised Draft Examination Guidance" in the subject line of the message. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.ofheo.gov> and will include any personal information provided.

**I. Statement on the Conforming Loan Limit for 2008**

On November 15, 2006, OFHEO announced that any decline in the house price index used to establish the conforming loan limit would not result in a decline in that limit for 2007. OFHEO also committed at that time to providing updated guidance on how future reductions in the house price index would affect the conforming loan limit.

On June 20, 2007, OFHEO released on its Web site for public comment a proposed revision to its existing Examination Guidance entitled "Conforming Loan Limit Calculations" (the original proposal). Today, OFHEO is publishing in the **Federal Register** for public comment a revised version of that proposed guidance (the revised proposal).

Both the original and revised proposal provide for holding the conforming loan limit constant, rather than having it decline, should the relevant house price index decline by a de minimis amount. The \$650 decline in the conforming loan limit implied by last year's house price decline falls within the de minimis range as originally proposed and as proposed here.

Consistent with this intention of having a de minimis change exception to potential reductions in the loan limit, OFHEO is today affirming that the current \$417,000 conforming loan limit will not be reduced in 2008, without regard to any reduction in the relevant house price index in 2007. Should the relevant house price index show an