

2026 RECS Emerging Scholars Mentoring Event: Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Emerging Scholars Mentoring Event at RECS, sponsored by the [Institute for Research on Poverty](#) and its collaborators. The event will take place on May 20th from 4:30-5:45 pm. Participation in the mentoring event is free but registration is required. Participants are also required to be [registered for RECS](#).

Please complete this form to indicate your interest in participating in the mentoring event. We will reach out by May 6th to confirm your participation in the event or let you know if you have been added to our waitlist.

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1. First and last name*
 2. Email address*
 3. Are you signing up to serve as a mentor or mentee?*
 - Mentors are typically those who have 10+ years of professional experience.*
 - Mentees are typically students and early career investigators.*
 - a. Mentor
 - b. Mentee
 4. Organizational affiliation/university *
 5. Department*
 6. Position/title*
 7. Please share your handles for the following social media accounts, if desired. These will be shared with other event participants to facilitate networking.
 - a. X (formerly Twitter)

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b. Bluesky

c. LinkedIn

8. Short biography (1200 characters max)*

9. Please rank your top three preferred topics for the group discussion.

| | First choice | Second choice | Third choice |
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| Pursuing a career in academia | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pursuing a career outside academia (e.g., in government, public policy, applied research organizations, and think tanks) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Preparing for the academic and research job market (CVs, interviews, job talks) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Strategies for successful grant writing and funding | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Getting published and navigating the peer-review process | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Building professional networks and collaborations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Conducting policy-relevant research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emerging directions and opportunities in poverty and economic mobility research | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Work-life balance | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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