



ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship

Project:	SNAP Outcomes: How Public Benefits Impact Recipients' Lives
Organization:	Hunger Free America (New York, NY)
Location:	Remote
Stipend:	\$60,000 per year, plus health insurance and professional development funding
Start Date:	September 2021

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

HUNGER FREE AMERICA™ (formerly known as the New York City Coalition Against Hunger) is a nonpartisan, national nonprofit group working to enact the policies and programs needed to end domestic hunger and ensure that all Americans have sufficient access to nutritious food. Learn more at <https://www.hungerfreeamerica.org/en-us/>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

With an estimated 54 million people, including 18 million children, struggling with food insecurity, a historic surge in federal funding for SNAP (formerly called Food Stamp) benefits dwarfed the sharp hike in food distributed by charitable food pantries and soup kitchens nationwide: from March 2020 to July 2020, the total SNAP caseload in 33 states increased from 30.8 million to 35.2 million, according to the states' social services department websites. This represents a 14 percent jump and includes the SNAP caseloads of California, Texas, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Ohio.

This project aims to gather evidence of the positive impact SNAP has on recipients and how it helps them get ahead in life by researching the long-term impacts of SNAP on past and current recipients, both famous and non-famous. This is a full-time commitment for the fellowship year, including dedicated time for professional development activities.

Responsibilities and tasks:

- Literature review of primary and secondary sources on SNAP and food insecurity in the US
- Interviews with SNAP recipients
- Tapping into Hunger Free America's extensive network of skilled volunteers to collect primary and secondary data
- Writing a report outlining the benefits of the SNAP program for individuals, families, and communities, using a variety of sources, to be used by Hunger Free America and affiliates to advocate for maintaining and expanding policy to end hunger in America

Qualifications:

- PhD in any field of the humanities or humanistic social sciences. Read more about eligible fields [here](#);
- Critical reading and writing skills;
- Project management experience;
- Passion for social justice and ending income inequality – commitment to our mission to end hunger in America;

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APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Leading Edge Fellowship Program: <https://www.acls.org/Competitions-and-Deadlines/Leading-Edge-Fellowships>
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: 9pm EDT, May 6, 2021

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