AGESW Gerontological Social Work Pre-Dissertation Initiative

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The Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW), along with support from the Gerontological Association (GSA), will provide support for a cohort of ten social work doctoral students who have completed the first year of doctoral studies. The goal of this program is to support dissertation and career development in gerontological social work research and education. Recipients will receive more than ten hours of programming delivered by nationally recognized experts in gerontological social work research and teaching designed to prepare participants for an academic career in gerontological social work. The Program will be delivered at the 2013 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) conference in New Orleans. Awardees will be selected by the AGESW Pre-Dissertation Advisory Council.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of participation in the AGESW Gerontological Social Work Pre-Dissertation Initiative, participants will have the skills necessary to:
- Prepare an application for financial support of their dissertation research in gerontology
- Develop a career plan that integrates their proposed teaching-scholarship
- Develop a course syllabus related to gerontological social work

Participant Benefits
- A $1,000 stipend to attend the pre-conference AGE-SW Pre-Dissertation Initiative Training at the GSA Annual Meeting
- One-year membership to AGESW
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- Ongoing mentoring from a member of AGESW
- Participation in a webinar on a topic to be determined by the cohort. Past topics have included job interview skills.

Program Eligibility
- Applicant must be enrolled in a social work doctoral program (full or part time) in the United States
- Applicant must not have underline completed more than two years of his/her doctoral program at the time of application (i.e., Pre-Dissertation stage, and not have submitted the dissertation proposal)

- Applicant must secure the sponsorship of a faculty member—commitment from a faculty member who has reviewed and supports the application, and who can attest to the applicant's qualifications and interest in gerontological social work research and/or education
- Applicant must secure institutional support—commitment from the Dean, Director or program administrator that the institution will support the applicant with a matching stipend ($1,00)
- Multiple applicants from a given doctoral program may be selected

The Application
- Cover Sheet (see below)
- Applicant's Curriculum Vita
- A two-page single-spaced personal statement indicating 1) applicant's educational journey prior to entering the doctoral program, 2) interest in gerontological social work research and education and 3) career goals
- A letter of support from an institutional faculty sponsor
- A letter confirming institutional support from program director for attending the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

By <u>May 1, 2013</u>, applications may be submitted as <u>one PDF file</u> via email to Joyce McDaniel at joyce@agesw.org

Selection Process
Applicants will be chosen based on the AGESW Advisory Council criteria:

Personal Statement	**[60%]**
Letter of Support	**[20%]**
Institutional Support	**[20%**]

Program
Full-day Pre-Conference Intensive at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America to be held in 2013
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Quantitative-Qualitative-Mixed Method Research Proposals
- Writing for publication
- The role of teaching in your academic career
- Seeking Funding for Gerontological Dissertations

Daily Eye-Opener Sessions
- Day 1 Working with mentors
- Day 2 Building your plan for funding support
- Day 3 Next Steps

Follow-up Web-based session to be held in Spring 2014

Questions
Contact Dr. Carmen Morano at cmorano@hunter.cuny.edu

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Contact Information:

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Telephone _____

Email _____

Doctoral Program Information:

Institution and Program

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Address

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Dean/Director (include email address)

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Doctoral Program Director (include email address)

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Date of Program Entry _____

_____ **Full-time** _____ **Part-time**

Institutional Support:

Faculty Sponsor (Name and Title)

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Telephone and email Information

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