

The Constance Swank Fund for Aging Research

Application Deadline: February 24

The Constance Swank Fund for Aging Research provides support to graduate students conducting applied research in aging, including but not limited to work in gerontology, geriatrics, public policy, communications, social sciences, or humanities. Such research should advance our understanding of aging and enhance programs and policies that contribute to the independence and life quality of individuals in their later years.

Typical amounts: Up to \$500 for master's degree students; up to \$1,000 for doctoral students.

To apply, please complete this form and email to Kate Kemp, Program Administrator, University of Iowa, School of Social Work, kate-kemp@uiowa.edu who will forward it (along with the student's transcripts which we will request from the UI) to the review panel.

Review criteria:

- Is the applicant a graduate student in good academic standing? (Students from any UI college are eligible to apply.)
- Is the project focused on applied research in aging?
- Is this a compelling and important research issue related to the quality of life for older adults?
- Does the student have a faculty member responsible for overseeing the research, and in support of the student seeking funding?
- If human subjects are involved, has the IRB approved the project? (Funds for data collection or entry will not be awarded until the IRB approval is documented.)
- Doctoral dissertation research will be given priority. However, other meritorious graduate-level research, including ALSP graduate certificate capstone projects, will be seriously considered.

Funds can be used for such expenses as supplies, data collection, data entry, honoraria to research respondents, data analysis software, and research-related travel costs. Stipend payments to students are not allowed. Equipment purchased with funds remains with the Aging and Longevity Studies Program.

Awardees must submit a one-paragraph report at the end of the semester in which the funds are paid, indicating how the funds were spent and progress toward the research objectives. At the conclusion of the research project, the awardee must submit a second one-page report outlining the major research findings. Awardees should acknowledge *The Constance Swank Fund for Aging Research* as a source of funding in presentations and publications resulting from the research project.

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Please complete this form and return with application materials to:
Kate Kemp, Program Administrator, School of Social Work,
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Date:

Name: Student ID#

College/Department: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Anthropology Department

Degree objective (MA, MSW, PhD, other):

UI email:

Phone #:

Title of the research project:

Research objective(s):

Research methods (for example, personal qualitative interviews, online quantitative survey, etc.):

Research product: This research project is for my PhD dissertation.

Faculty supervisor name, title, and email:

Please address how this research contributes to quality of life among older adults.

Amount requested: \$1000

How will these funds facilitate the student's conduct of aging research?