

Okura Mental Health Scholarship
for Asian and Pacific Islander Social Workers

2016-2017

The **Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association (APISWEA)** invites applications for the ***Okura Mental Health Scholarship for Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Social Workers***. This scholarship is funded through the **Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation Grant** and is being offered in collaboration with the **Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)**.

The ***Okura Mental Health Scholarship for API Social Workers (OMHS-SW)*** aims to improve mental health services to API Americans in the U.S. through innovative and culturally competent social work research, practice, and education.

Scholarships: Three scholarships (up to \$7000 each) will be offered this year to support the planning, implementation, and results dissemination of innovative and culturally competent research or projects that focus on API Americans mental health related issues. Allowable expenses may include training, supplies, printing, equipment rental, cost for research assistants, summer stipend for awardee, and editorial or technical support for the publication or dissemination of findings. The funding could also be used to offset the cost for travel to the CSWE Annual Program Meeting (APM) or relevant professional conferences for presentation of the research/project results. Please note, no more than \$3,000 of the funding could be used for conference travel expenses. All expenses must be directly related to the funded research/project and conform to CSWE fiscal management principles. Examples of non-allowable expenses include regular salary for the awardee and indirect costs for the awardee's institution.

Period of Support: There are three funding cycles - 09/01/2015-08/31/2016, 09/01/2016-08/31/2017, & 09/01/2017-08/31/2018. Scholarship funding for each funding cycle however will be for a period of 15 months including 12 months for the completion of the research/project (09/01-08/31) and 3 additional months afterward for the dissemination of the research/project results (09/01-11/30). Applicants may apply for only one year of support; current applications are being accepted for the 2016-2017 cycle.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements: Eligible applicants include post-graduate (MSW, MSSW) API social workers who are non-tenured full-time social work professors in the early stage of their career or social work doctoral students at the dissertation stage doing API related mental health research, training, or programs. Scholarship applicants should be affiliated with an institution of higher education in the U.S. Collaborations between university faculty and practitioners are encouraged.

Reporting and Presentation Requirements: Each awardee shall submit to the APISWEA Okura Scholarship Committee a short summary progress report at the end of the 6th month of the funding period (February 27) and a final report at the end of the 15th month (November 30). If an awardee's research is also supported by other funding source(s), awardee should indicate such in the final report and in their APISWEA presentation. Awardees are encouraged to present the awarded proposals at the APISWEA annual meeting at APM and are required to present their study findings in the subsequent year's APISWEA meeting.

Mentorship, Research Results Dissemination and Acknowledgement: Awardees of this scholarship will also be participants in the APISWEA's API Mentoring Program chaired by Dr. Mo Yee Lee of Ohio State University. Depending on the nature and content of the researches/projects, awardees are strongly encouraged to present their project results or study findings in professional conferences or submit them to refereed journals for publication consideration. These may include the *Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation* (Editor, Dr. Francis Yuen), the *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work* (Editor, Dr. Mo Yee Lee), and the *Journal of Social Work Education*. Awardees are expected to acknowledge the OMHS-SW and APISWEA support in any future publications related to the funded study. A copy of the published paper(s) should be sent to the Scholarship Committee for record.

Application Procedures: Please complete the attached application form along with a 3-5 page proposal, proposed budget, task list and timeline, and current curriculum vitae. All materials should be incorporated into **a single document** and be sent by e-mail to **Dr. Francis Yuen** (fyuen@csus.edu) on or before **March 31, 2016**.

Scholarship Timeline for 2015-2016:

January 30, 2016	Scholarship Announcement and Application
March 31, 2016	Proposal due date
By April 30, 2016	Notification of Award
September 1, 2016	Project start date
Nov., 2016 & 2017	Presentations of New Proposals (encouraged) and Findings of Funded Studies (required) at APISWEA meeting at CSWE APM.

Scholarship Committee Members:

Dr. Francis Yuen, Professor, California State University, Sacramento (Chair, OMHS-SW)
Dr. Qingwen Xu, Associate Professor, Tulane University (President, APISWEA)
Dr. Fariyal Ross-Sheriff, Professor, Howard University (Past President, APISWEA)
Dr. Yuhwa Lu, Associate Professor, New York University (Past President, APISWEA)
Dr. Patrick Leung, Professor, University of Houston (Past President, APISWEA)
Dr. Mo Yee Lee, Professor, Ohio State University (Chair, APISWEA Mentorship Program)

Please note: This scholarship is designed to be awarded directly to the recipient but not to the affiliated institution. A Memorandum of Agreement signed by both the recipient and APISWEA will be required. If the recipient prefers to receive the scholarship payments through the institution, the scholarship committee could request the CSWE to make such an arrangement.

For **Information and Questions**, please contact Francis Yuen, DSW, Chair, *Okura Mental Health Scholarship for Asian and Pacific Islander Social Workers*, Professor, Division of Social Work, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6090. Phone: 916-278-7182, e-mail: fyuen@csus.edu.

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Application Form

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Contact and Personal Information

Name:

Home Address:

Phone(s):

E-mail(s):

University/Institutional Affiliation: (Department and Institution)

Office Address:

Office Phone and Fax:

How many years have you been at your current institution?

What is your current rank/title at your institution?

What degrees do you hold?

Research/Project Description

Research/Project Title:

Estimated cost of the
whole research/project:

Amount Requested
for this application:
(Max. \$7,000)

Is the research/project being proposed already in progress? If yes, please provide details:

Will you be seeking/receiving other funding for this project? If yes, please provide details:

Are there any other faculty/practitioners working with you on this research/project? If yes, please provide name(s), organization(s), and contact information.

Are there any existing copyright agreements for this research/project (e.g., external funders, university policies)?

For the findings of this research/project, will you be seeking publication in a refereed journal or presentation in a professional conference? If yes, which journal(s) or conference(s)?

Please provide a short project proposal (3-5 pages) including the following:

- Purpose and scope of the proposed research/project
- Research/project design
- How will this research/project contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the *Okura Mental Health Scholarship for Asian and Pacific Islander Social Workers*?

Appendices to include:

- Proposed Budget
- Task List and Timeline
- Current Curriculum Vitae

All materials should be incorporated into a **single document**.