**Okura Mental Health Scholarship**

*for Asian and Pacific Islander Social Workers*

2013-2014

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 the API population in the U.S. through innovative and culturally competent social work research, practice, and education.

**Scholarships:** Two scholarships will be offered each year (Max. $10,000 each) to fund the planning, implementation, and results dissemination of an innovative and culturally competent research or project that focuses on API 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 results. The funding could also be used to offset the cost for travel to the CSWE Annual Program Meetings or relevant professional conferences for presentation of the research/program results. All expenses must be directly related to the funded research/project and conform to CSWE fiscal management principles. Examples of non-allowable expenses for this scholarship include regular salary for the awardee and indirect costs for the awardee’s institution.

**Period of Support:** There are three funding cycles -- 09/01/2012-08/31/2013, 09/01/2013-08/31/2014, & 09/01/2014-08/31/2015. Scholarship funding for each year 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 2013-2014 funding cycle.

**Applicant Eligibility Requirements:** Eligible applicants are post-graduate API social work practitioners, doctoral students at the dissertation stage, or non-tenured professors in the early stage of their career doing API related mental health research/training/programs. Scholarship applicants should be affiliated with an institution of higher education or a service organization in the U.S. as a faculty member or practitioner. Collaborations between university faculty and practitioners are encouraged.

**Reporting Requirements:** Each awardee shall submit to the APISWEA Okura Scholarship Committee a summary progress report at the end of the 6th month of the funding period (January 31st) and a final report at the end of the 15th month (November 30th). Each awardee is required to present his/her report at the APISWEA annual meeting at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting.
Mentorship and Research Results Dissemination: Awardees of this scholarship will also be participants in the APISWEA Mentorship program chaired by Dr. Mo Yee Lee of Ohio State University. Depending on the nature and content of the research/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), Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work (Editor, Dr. Mo Yee Lee), and Journal of Social Work Education. Awardees are expected to present their study/project findings in the APISWEA annual meeting at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting.

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 30, 2013.

Scholarship Timeline for 2013-2014:

January 31, 2013   Announcement of the Scholarship
March 30, 2013    Proposal due date
By April 30, 2013 Notification of Award
September 1, 2013 Project start date
October 31, 2013  Award Ceremony (for the 2013-2014 awardees) and Reporting of Funded Study (for 2012-2013 awardees), APISWEA meeting at CSWE APM (Dallas, TX)

Scholarship Committee Members:

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

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)

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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: $10,000)

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 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