

University of Iowa Interdisciplinary Fellowship Training in Aging 2009-2010

The Center on Aging (COA) recognizes the importance of integrated learning environments and shared educational opportunities as part of effective training for graduate students interested in aging at the University of Iowa. The COA initiated the Interdisciplinary Fellowship Training in Aging as a pilot program to enhance students' professional development in aging. The program is a collaborative effort by the Center on Aging, Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health, School of Social Work and the Aging Studies Program. The fellowship provides students with unique educational experiences that deepen appreciation for interdisciplinary approaches to aging, increase exposure to multidisciplinary research, clinical and policy issues, and advance professional development. Fellowships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic merit and support student expenses to the GSA and ASA conferences up to \$2,000 per student. Independent study course credit may be awarded on an individual basis upon approval of appropriate department faculty.

Eligibility:

- Admission to and good standing in an UI graduate college or professional program,
- Intent to specialize in aging, gerontology, or geriatrics through participation in one of the following programs:
 - Medical or Pharmacy Degree candidate,
 - MSN or PhD in Adult-Gerontological Nursing,
 - Certificate in Aging Studies,
 - Master in Public Health or Master in Health Administration with an Aging Focus,
 - MSW or PhD in Social Work, or a Gerontology or End-of-Life Care Specialization,
 - Students pursuing aging-related courses/specializations in other departments or colleges may also be considered on an individual basis.
- Intent to pursue an aging-related career,
- A 3.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) for undergraduate and previous graduate work,
- Demonstration of prior personal or professional interest in aging including relevant work, community service, and/or leadership experience.

Students must also be prepared to commit to the following:

- Evening group meetings held monthly throughout both semesters
- Weekly ICON discussions
- Attendance of the GSA conference
- Attendance of the ASA conference
- Attendance of 3 interdisciplinary team meetings during the spring semester
- One group presentation to undergraduate Aging class.

Application Procedures:

Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of faculty and staff representing the Center on Aging, Colleges of Public Health and Nursing, School of Social Work, and the Aging Studies Program. The awardees will be announced by **August 15, 2009**.

Fellowship application materials include the application form, cover letter, and resume. Contact the Center on Aging for an application and **submit completed materials by mail, e-mail or fax to the below contact by July 31, 2009**. All submissions will be acknowledged.

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