

Academic Requirements

- Stipend recipients must finish the full-time MSW program (course and field work) in two years.
- Students must complete course requirements for the Families and Children concentration and Public Child Welfare sub-concentration.
- Recipients must remain in academic good standing, maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 and receive credit for satisfactory performance in the field practicum.

Program Requirements

- Applicants must agree to work at the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at least one full year upon graduation.
- Applicants must undergo pre-screening and be found eligible for county employment (includes fingerprinting, psychological evaluation, background and criminal record checks).
- Applicants must have a valid driver's license, use of a car as required for field work and automobile liability insurance.
- Applicants must provide proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency.

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PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE
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The Inter-University Consortium (IUC) is an alliance among the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the five social work schools in Los Angeles County: USC School of Social Work, UCLA Department of Social Welfare and the Departments of Social Work at California State Universities at Long Beach and at Los Angeles. In an effort to attract professional social workers to public child welfare, the IUC provides a one-year educational stipend of \$18,500 to full-time MSW students in exchange for a commitment to work at DCFS for one year after graduation.

Students must be enrolled full time in the MSW program, choose the Families and Children concentration and Public Child Welfare sub-concentration and complete a one-year field placement with DCFS, where they receive specialized training in public child welfare.



Frequently Asked Questions

How are students selected to receive the IUC stipend?

- Students must apply to the USC School of Social Work and meet admissions requirements.
- Admitted students can then apply for the IUC stipend by completing an application form with questions designed to determine their interest and level of commitment to a career in public child welfare.
- Applicants with the most potential for a successful career in public child welfare services will be asked to attend an in-person interview with the awards committee, comprised of the IUC field consultant and DCFS field instructors.
- Priority is given to applicants who understand and respect the diverse client populations served by child welfare agencies in California.

When will I be notified if I have been awarded a stipend?

July.

Are there any stipulations?

- You must make a good faith effort to secure employment with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services upon graduation.
- If you are unable to successfully complete any of the program requirements, you will be required to repay the stipend, unless a hardship extension is granted.

