IMPORTANT: This stipend program is on hold until further funding is obtained. There is no application process until further notice. This fact sheet reflects the 2015-16 academic year and has not been updated. There is a slight possibility that this program might continue, but there is no expected time frame for when this information will become available.

This stipend program is only available to students in their last two semesters when completing 698a/b and 699a/b — during the traditional academic year from August to May — at their corresponding campus: University Park Campus (UPC), Orange County Academic Center (OCAC) or San Diego Academic Center (SDAC). Students must apply in the spring semester when taking 588 and 589b. Virtual Academic Center students may also be eligible to apply but would need to complete all “on-the-ground” stipend requirements in person and conclude the Master of Social Work program in May.

BACKGROUND

This stipend program is funded by a federal grant that contributes to the Now is the Time initiative to reduce gun violence, which was developed by President Obama and the White House after the Newtown tragedy. The perpetrator of the Newtown massacre, like many other recent perpetrators of mass public shootings, was a transition-age youth who lacked access to mental health services. This stipend program focuses on educating and training MSW students in violence awareness and prevention, reducing the effects of trauma and depression, reducing the risk factors for substance abuse and suicide, and increasing the involvement of transition-age youths and their families in the prevention and treatment of behavioral health disorders.

The stipend amount is $10,000. The goal of this program is to prepare students to embark in a career that expands the workforce of those who serve the needs of transition-age persons 16 to 25 years old who are at risk for mental illness, substance abuse, violence, suicide, and who are among the least likely to seek and receive sustained range of behavioral health services and other forms of much-needed help.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Students participating in this stipend program must adhere to the following criteria:

1. Must be in their second year of the MSW program and be from the Department of Children, Youth and Families or the Department of Adults and Healthy Aging;
2. Must be in a specific field placement — one that primarily serves children, adolescents and transition-age youth — that has been identified to be part of this project;
3. Must remain in a qualified field placement for a minimum of six months and a maximum of 12 months preceding graduation;
   a. Please see page 2 for a list of targeted agencies eligible for stipend
4. Must maintain good academic standing in the program with at least a 3.0 GPA and satisfactory performance in field placement;
5. Must attend an orientation session in early August at the corresponding campus: (SDAC, OCAC or UPC);
6. Must attend 30-hour trauma-informed training in early- to mid-August before classes start;
7. Must attend and participate in a biweekly transition-age youth field seminar (90 minutes) at the
corresponding campus, which will meet during universal break from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.;
  a. Attend and participate in at least 12 of 14 biweekly field seminars
8. Must attend and participate in designated brown bag training sessions;
  a. Attend and participate in at least one brown bag training session per semester
9. Must complete all coursework and trainings. In addition to the core curriculum from their own
department, students will:
  a. Take 620 Social Work Practice with Transition-Age Youth
  b. Take 617 Substance Related and Behavioral Addictive Disorders or 677 Mental Health
     Practice with Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children and Youth; and
10. Must sign a commitment form confirming their understanding of the requirements of this stipend
    program and stating their intentions to work with the target population after graduation from the
    MSW program

**NUMBER OF STIPENDS AND TARGETED FIELD PLACEMENTS**

There are 30 stipends available throughout UPC, OCAC, and SDAC. The following is a list of agencies
targeted to offer the field placements eligible for the Tri-County stipends:

**SDAC (10 stipends)**

- 3-4 at San Diego Youth Services
- 3-4 at YMCA
- 3-4 at San Diego Center for Children

**OCAC (10 stipends)**

- 6-8 at Kaiser Permanente Orange County
- 1 at Community Family Guidance Center — shared with UPC
- 1-4 Anaheim Union High School District

**UPC (10 stipends)**

- 3-4 at Kaiser Permanente Norwalk
- 1-3 at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
- 2-3 at Pacific Clinics
- 1-2 at Covenant House California
- 1 at Community Family Guidance Center — shared with OCAC

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

There is no application form. Students competing for the Tri-County stipends will be selected by participating
agencies that will offer specific field placements to work with the transition-age youth population. Please
check with your department’s second-year field placement faculty for an updated list of targeted field
placements.

Please note that if you receive this award, it may impact your financial aid package. A representative from
the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Financial Aid Office will meet with all awardees during
the orientation to answer any questions that you may have related to the stipend.
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