Social Work Research Fellowships for 2004-2005

The Center for the Study of Social Work Practice will fund a limited number of Research Fellowships during the 2004-2005 academic year. These Fellowships are available nationwide to social work scholars who wish to conduct research aimed at improving the quality of evidence-based practice in social work. Faculty members at any rank may apply for funding of up to $20,000 for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Funded Research Fellowships must meet the following criteria. The Fellow must conduct exemplary empirical research that can be completed no later than June 30, 2005. The research must advance the frontiers of social work in ways that can improve the quality of evidence-based direct practice with one or more high-risk populations. By August 30, 2005 funded Research Fellows must prepare and submit for publication a manuscript that describes the findings of their research.

The application process consists of two phases. Phase I entails submission of a three-page concept paper on or before April 1, 2004. The concept paper must concisely describe the following: (1) aims of the proposed research; (2) sample(s) to be employed; (3) intervention(s) to be employed; (4) evaluation method(s) to be employed; (5) timetable, and (6) funds requested for the Research Fellow, project staff, supplies, or other expenditures. Applicants also must submit a curriculum vita with the concept paper. In Phase II, a small number of applicants will be invited to submit a more detailed proposal by May 1, 2004. Awards will be announced shortly thereafter.

Concept papers should be sent either electronically (cbl1@columbia.edu) or by surface mail to:

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