

Research Fellowship Criteria

Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Fall 2012/Spring 2013

The mission of the Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault is to promote research that informs prevention, intervention, and treatment related to family violence and sexual assault. The Center seeks to support graduate research fellows interested in developing research skills germane to the study of family violence, sexual assault, trauma, and related topics.

Expectations associated with the fellowships include:

1. Active involvement in an established research group focused on topics related to the mission of the center. Involvement is defined as regular attendance at research team meeting(s) and contributing at a level that warrants authorship credit on at least one research project.
2. Active involvement in research projects (not including thesis/dissertation) a minimum of 20 hours per week (on average).
3. Development and/or enhancement of skills that contribute to the completion of research related to the Center's mission. Such skill enhancement may include developing additional skills in research design, methods, analyses, and scientific writing.
4. Development of skills related to research dissemination, including 1) presentation of a scientific poster/paper, 2) preparation of a manuscript for peer review; and/or 3) participation in the preparation of a grant to support research related to the Center's mission.
5. Regular attendance at Center sponsored seminars and related training opportunities.
6. Regular meetings/communication with assigned mentor on the research fellowship in order to facilitate progress on stated goals for the fellowship.

Eligibility for the Center supported research fellowships will be based on the degree of promise candidates show related to each of the above stated expectations.

Applications are due January 16, 2012 by 4:30 p.m.. Contact Dr. Holly Orcutt at horcutt@niu.edu for application materials. Fellowships will be awarded on a 12-month basis, with the possibility of renewal. Support for travel and research-related expenses (e.g., participant stipends, materials, equipment) will be provided whenever possible.