

Research Fellowship Criteria
Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault
Fall 2015/Spring 2016

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).
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 scientific posters/papers, 2) preparation of a manuscripts for peer review; and/or 3) participation in the preparation of grants 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.
7. Fellowships are designed to free students up from having to work on assistantships/externships in order to focus on their research during the award period. Thus, individuals who accept the fellowship should not be committed to other obligations (e.g., paid or unpaid clinical appointments, teaching responsibilities, and/or other employment).

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

Applications are due February 15, 2015 by 4:30 PM. To apply, please email your CV and letter of interest to Julie Crouch at jcrouch@niu.edu. Formal letters of recommendation are not required, but please include the names and contact information of at least two references who have agreed to be contacted. The letter of interest should outline specific goals and projects for the fellowship year. Please include your broader career goals and delineate how the fellowship would facilitate those goals. Fellowships will be awarded on a 9-month basis, with the possibility of renewal.