

MCH PASS
Preparing Academically Successful Students
In
Maternal and Child Health

Traineeships are available for full- and part-time students in the fields of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Occupational Therapy. Three semesters of tuition and a stipend will be awarded to students from demographically underrepresented groups (e.g. African American, Latino/Hispanic, Southeast Asian, Native American, males, financially disadvantaged, individuals with disabilities). These awards are made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Individuals who receive funding from this program will be expected to apply into graduate programs within their respective fields.

Deadline: Open until all traineeships are awarded.

General Eligibility Requirements: Undergraduate students entering their senior year in the fields of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Occupational Therapy who are enrolled or have applied to these UWM programs are eligible to apply for these awards. Priority will be given to qualified students who have a strong academic record or documentation of recent superior performance in employment and are from demographically underrepresented groups.

Amount of Award: Up to three semesters (summer, fall, spring) of financial support for tuition and a stipend may be awarded to a student during a single academic year. Awards to part-time and full-time students will depend on the number of credit hours taken per semester.

Recipient's Responsibilities: The award recipients must demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completing their approved programs of studies. In addition, undergraduate recipients must maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA in all related pre-professional courses. If a traineeship recipient does not make satisfactory progress or withdraws from the supported program of studies, the undistributed portion of her/his stipend will be used to support another student. Traineeship recipients also commit to consultation with the project faculty prior to any program change.

Selection Procedures: Criteria for awarding traineeships include performance of previous academic work, acceptance into the UWM undergraduate program in Communication Sciences and Disorders or Occupational Therapy, and faculty perceptions of the student's ability to work successfully with children with disabilities or at-risk conditions and their families. Preference is given to full-time students, however part-time students are eligible.

Application Procedures:

- 1) Complete the application for the award.
- 2) Write a cover letter to accompany the application.
- 3) Submit resume.
- 4) Submit two letters of reference from individuals who can accurately address the students' potential for practice in early childhood settings.
- 5) Complete and file forms with the UWM Office of Financial Aid if applying as having a significant financial need.

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