

**Palo Alto University / California Department of Mental Health
Diversity and Community Mental Health (DCMH) Scholarship Program**

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The PAU Diversity and Community Mental Health (DCMH) Scholarship Program is sponsored by California's Department of Mental Health through the Workforce, Educational and Training (WET) efforts of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prop 63. The aim of the DCMH Scholarship Program is to support emerging clinical psychologists committed to working in the public mental health system. Recipients of the scholarship receive an educational tuition stipend of up to \$20,772. The stipend amount awarded will depend on number of selected recipients during that year. Eligibility, Scholarship Program requirements, and Application information are detailed below.

The DCMH Scholarship program is partnered with the PAU's DCMH area of emphasis. The DCMH track is a required component of the Scholarship Program – thus, Scholarship applicants *must* simultaneously apply to the DCMH area of emphasis (see the document "PAU Diversity and Community Mental Health (DCMH) Area of emphasis" for details)

Eligibility

Predocctoral PAU Ph.D. students who will graduate by 2014 are eligible to apply for the DCMH Scholarship Program. Applicants must be a US citizen or US permanent resident and interested in/committed to working in California's public mental health sector. Applicants who have bilingual skills and/or reflect the diverse populations served by public mental health are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants must disclose any previous or subsequent conviction of any felony or misdemeanor that disqualifies individuals from field placement or employment in a county public mental health agency or a community-based organization under contract to a county public mental health agency. Scholarship recipients must also maintain the use of a personal automobile, valid driver's license, and auto liability insurance as necessary for field placement at all times during Program participation.

Requirements of the Program

- Curriculum: Participation in and completion of the PAU Diversity and Community Mental Health Area of emphasis is required for Scholarship recipients. A modified curriculum is possible for older students in the Ph.D. program. Please see the document "PAU Diversity and Community Mental Health (DCMH) Area of emphasis" for details about the DCMH track.
- Practicum training: During the 3rd or 4th year of their Ph.D. program, students must participate in at least one California county community mental health practicum training site as their main external practicum. Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to fulfill this practicum requirement during the 3rd year of training. The Scholarship Program is partnered with Santa Clara, Marin, and El Dorado County mental health systems, so students are particularly encouraged to complete their practicum training in one of these two counties. However, placements in other California community mental health practica are also acceptable. All eligible practica subject to approval of the Director of the DCMH Area of emphasis/Scholarship Program.
- Postdoctoral Year "Payback": Upon graduation, DCMH Scholarship recipients are required to complete one calendar year of full-time postdoctoral employment in a California Public Mental Health work placement. Scholarship recipients will be required to sign a contract outlining the requirements of this payback agreement.

- Payback Requirements: Details regarding payback are located in the DCMH Scholarship Program Payback Contract – following is a general overview but does not constitute legal guidelines regarding conditions of payback. Please refer to the actual Payback Contract for full details.

Students who withdraw from the DCMH scholarship and program are required to repay stipend funds on a pro-rata basis. Students who fail to complete their postdoctoral payback year are also required to repay scholarship funds on a pro-rata basis. Termination or failure to graduate within the specified period of time can also result in a requirement to payback the stipend.

Applications

For students applying to *both* the Scholarship and Area of emphasis:

DCMH Area of emphasis and Scholarship recipients will be selected for their qualifications, interests, and fit with the objectives of the program. Interested students should submit the following to Dr. Joyce Chu (jchu@paloalto.edu), Director of the DCMH Area of emphasis/Scholarship Program. Applicants should submit 1 electronic copy and 6 hard copies of the following to Dr. Joyce Chu by the last Friday of April each year. Hard copies can go to Joyce Chu's Palo Alto University faculty mail box. **NOTE: The scholarship in 2011 is currently on hold, subject to announcement and granting of funds from the California Department of Mental Health. Contact Joyce Chu for further updates about the status of this scholarship.**

- Application cover sheet (see below)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Names and contact information for two references (listed on cover sheet)
- Undergraduate and graduate transcripts – unofficial copies are fine.
- Maximum 1000-word essay discussing your past experience with the area of Diversity and Community Mental Health. Please share your specific clinical and research interests in DCMH. The essay should include a statement of career objectives as they fit with DCMH goals. *Please note that this essay should be longer than the more basic statement asked of the DCMH track application.*

If you are applying for the scholarship, your scholarship application materials will serve as an application for both the scholarship and the track.

Final round Scholarship Program applicants will be interviewed. A scholarship selection committee comprised of PAU faculty, mental health family and community consumers, and California county leadership (e.g., from Santa Clara, Marin, and El Dorado counties) will evaluate applications and select scholarship recipients.

**PAU Diversity and Community Mental Health (DCMH) Scholarship Program and Area of emphasis
Application Cover Sheet**

Name: _____

1. I am applying for: _____ DCMH Area of emphasis only
_____ Both the Area of emphasis and the Scholarship Program

2. Current Year in the Ph.D. Program: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Where is your 3rd year practicum placement? _____
 N/A

Where is your 4th year practicum placement? _____
 N/A

Which community mental health practica do you plan to apply for next year? N/A

3. Year you entered PAU: _____

4. Current advisor: _____

5. Are you currently in any other PAU area of emphasis? Yes No

If Yes, which one: _____

6. What county (not country) do you currently live in: _____

7. Your ethnicity or race (Check all that apply):

- Non-Hispanic White or Caucasian American
 Asian American (Please specify: _____)
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Black or African American
 Hispanic or Latino/a American (Please specify: _____)
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Russian
 Other or mixed race (Please specify: _____)

8. Please list any language proficiencies, if any, other than English. Please rate your proficiency for each language on the following scale:

1=Minimal proficiency

2=Somewhat proficient

3=Adequate proficiency but not fluent: With practice could provide services in this language

4=Fluent enough to provide services in this language

a) Language: _____ Proficiency Rating: _____

b) Language: _____ Proficiency Rating: _____

c) Language: _____ Proficiency Rating: _____

d) Language: _____ Proficiency Rating: _____

9. Please list the names and contact information for two references:

a. _____

b. _____

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10. What is your current US citizenship or permanent residency status? _____

11. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor that may disqualify you from field placement or employment in a county public mental health agency, or a community-based organization under contract to a county public mental health agency: Yes No

If Yes, please provide details: _____

12. Will you be able to maintain the use of a personal automobile as necessary for field placement, valid driver's license, and auto liability insurance at all times during Program participation?
 Yes No

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- Application cover sheet (see below)
- Curriculum Vitae
- PAU transcript (unofficial is fine)
- 250 to 1000 word statement discussing your past experience with or interest in the area of Diversity and Community Mental Health. Please share your specific clinical and research interests in DCMH. *Please note that this basic 250-1000 word statement is briefer than the more involved essay asked of the DCMH scholarship application. If you are applying for the DCMH track only, this more concise statement will suffice for your application.*

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