



Questions & Answers

2016 Research Award for MSW Students

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Q1. "It looks like the CalSWEC/CADD Student Research Award is also open to non-CalSWEC students, is that correct?"

A1. Yes, it is open to all MSW students in the universities participating in the CalSWEC consortium. This also includes on-line and distance ed students, but with the following conditions.

- The on-line and distance ed students must be California residents because it is sponsored by CalSWEC and CADD, both of which are California organizations.
- The on-line and distance ed students should be in their final year of the MSW program. We include this restriction because of the focus on research involving field placement agencies—the first criteria of the proposal.

Q2. "I have access to a group of students who I will be collecting data on due to a support group I plan on running. I am wondering whether I have to collect consent forms and submit those along with the research data."

A2. You should check with your faculty adviser and your school policies or your IRB committee about any IRB review that might be required for your research. If it involves human subjects, it may be necessary.

Q3. "My MSW peer research team and I are interested in applying for this Research Award. Our thesis research project, however, focuses on transforming harmful gender norms internationally. It falls within the realm of international social work, but the information and research is also highly transferable to work in the US, with regard to cultural competency and such. Our research will be qualitative analysis of about 100 international reports from agencies working to mitigate harmful gender norms—our research is practice-oriented in the sense that it targets the macro-level of social change. I was wondering if you think our project will be eligible to apply for this research award."

A3. If you develop a good argument in your proposal for "how the research topic is relevant to the placement agency OR the potential significance and application of the topic to public human services policy and practice," that would fulfill the first criteria and the proposal would be eligible.

Q4. "I am a second year MSW student and I am working with a group of fellow MSW students ... on a group thesis/research project. Are we eligible as a group to submit a proposal for the CalSWEC research award? There are four members involved in the research project."

A4. The Request for Proposals is open to students working together. Just make sure that the contact information for all those on your team is included in the application. Also your team would split and award moneys you might receive.

Q5. “Are any of the award funds designated for the agency or programs accommodating the research?”

A5. The awards are for students only. None are designated for the agency or programs accommodating the research.