

MSW Student Research Awards - 2015

Each year, MSW students conduct research and produce reports or theses as part of their requirements for graduation. This process offers students an opportunity to experience applied research, and offers agencies serving the public an opportunity to examine and improve practice.

CalSWEC's Research & Development Committee, in conjunction with the California Association of Deans and Directors (CADD), has established a Research Award for MSW Students to encourage and support student research that will contribute to the evidence base for policy and practice for public human services. Goals of the MSW Student Research Award include:

- Foster interest in applied, practice-oriented research for MSW students
- Promote student research that is relevant to agency practice
- Create a forum for students to share research results with agencies that will benefit from it.

Since students will be planning and conducting their research throughout the period of the award, CalSWEC will employ a two-tiered award process.

- Initial applications will be based on proposed research, and will be due March 31, 2015. From among proposals submitted, Ten (10) finalists will be selected based on these criteria listed in this announcement. The 10 finalists will receive an award of \$250 each.
- The finalists will complete their research and submit an Executive Summary of the results of their research, due on June 22, 2015. From among the finalists, Five (5) completed projects/theses will be selected and awarded an additional \$500 each.

Criteria for selection:

- Relevance of the research to the student's placement agency, and the potential significance, of the findings to public human services policy and practice
- Demonstration of knowledge of research methods including:
 - Research questions
 - Design
 - Sampling
 - Data analyses
- Clarity and organization of written materials
- Feasibility of research project procedures

This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their project/thesis and receive an award for their work. Student award recipients will be given an opportunity to present their research project/thesis findings to the CalSWEC Board, Student Day and other leadership forums.

Information and application materials: <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/research-award-msw-students>

Deadline for submitting an application for consideration: March 31, 2015