



Request for Student Research

2016 Research Award for MSW Students

Established In 2012 by CalSWEC's Research & Development Committee in Conjunction with the California Association of Deans And Directors (CADD)

The *2016 Research Awards for MSW Students* encourages and supports student research that will contribute to the evidence base for policy and practice for public human services. This enables recipients to showcase their project/thesis and recognizes them for their work. Award recipients may be invited to present their research project/thesis findings to the CalSWEC Board of Directors, at the annual statewide Title IV-E Student Day, and at other leadership forums.

GOALS AND PROCESS

The goals of the *2016 MSW Student Research Award* include:

- ❖ Fostering interest in applied, practice-oriented research for MSW students;
- ❖ Promoting student research that is relevant to agency practice; *and*
- ❖ Creating a forum for students to share research results with agencies that will benefit.

To accommodate students in the planning and conducting of their research, CalSWEC employs a two-tiered award process.

- ❖ Initial applications, based on proposed research, are due **April 4, 2016**. From among these proposal submissions, 10 finalists will be selected based on criteria listed below. They will receive \$250 each.
- ❖ The finalists complete their research and submit an Executive Summary of the results, due on **June 27, 2016**. From among the finalists, five completed projects/theses will be selected and awarded an additional \$500 each.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Selection of the 10 finalists will be based on the following:

- ❖ Relevance of the research to the student's placement agency, *OR* 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.

Information and Application Materials:

<http://calswec.berkeley.edu/research-award-msw-students>

WHAT INSPIRED 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS' RESEARCH

"Sexual Assault History and Gynecological Care"

"After I accepted my second-year graduate internship in a gynecologic oncology service line at a hospital, I knew that I would want my research project/thesis to be about trauma-informed care in the medical setting to address the needs of survivors of sexual trauma."

—Serom Sanftner, *CSU, East Bay, Stanford Health Care*

"Assessing Trauma in Safe Place Clients: A Descriptive Study"

"I felt the need to do a study on trauma and homeless youth so that our program [Safe Place] could better meet the needs of our client base, but also so that my research could hopefully educate the greater population of Monterey County about the complexities that make up homelessness. "

—Heather Metz, *CSU, Monterey Bay, Community Human Services, Monterey County*

"Refugee Wellness Navigators (RWN) to Improve Refugee Community Wellbeing in Alameda County"

"I decided to pursue this research project, which evaluates a community navigator program, because it aligns with my interests of improving refugee health in our community."

—Jennifer Nakata, *UC Berkeley, International Rescue Committee's Center for Well-Being*

Read more about the recipients of the 2015 MSW Student Research Award and what inspired them:

<http://calswec.berkeley.edu/msw-research-award-winners-describe-inspiration-their-projects>