

The Mark and Semira Moshayedi Innovation Award

The USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy is pleased to announce that we are now accepting proposals for the **Mark and Semira Moshayedi Innovation Award**. This award will be given to a graduate student whose innovative work enables improvement in health and wellness through technological innovation. Examples of potential pathways include:

- Assistive technology and adaptive equipment
- Digital and mobile health (apps and wearables)
- Educational technology
- Ergonomics
- Gaming, virtual reality, and simulation
- Healthcare system innovation
- Screening, assessment, and measurement
- Telehealth/telemedicine
- Universal Design and accessibility

Applicants will be evaluated by a committee of distinguished faculty appointed by the Associate Dean and Chair of the USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy. Finalists will be announced the week of April 19th and invited to present their work **remotely on April 30, 2021 via Zoom**. Each finalist will have a maximum of 10 minutes to pitch their work. The award recipient will be selected by a panel of judges, and the recipient will be announced at the 2021 Chan Division Commencement Ceremony.

Eligibility: All USC occupational science and occupational therapy graduate students

Award: One award of \$5,000 will be presented at the 2021 Commencement

Submissions: Please submit materials to Dr. Stacey Schepens Niemiec at schepens@usc.edu

Deadline: Proposal materials are due by **Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5pm PST**. Finalist presentations are due by April 28, 2021 at 5pm PST.

Proposal Materials

Proposals should include the following:

1. A statement of purpose not exceeding 1,000 words. The statement should include the candidate's name and contact information, as well as:
 - a. a description of the candidate's work
 - b. an identified faculty mentor aligned with your area of interest
 - c. an explanation of how the candidate's innovation enhances occupational participation and contributes to the profession of occupational science and occupational therapy
2. A portfolio containing:
 - a. a business plan (e.g., needs assessment, budget with rationale, budget implementation outline, timeline)
 - b. samples of work including prototypes
 - c. a curriculum vita/resume
 - d. any other materials that may be used during the final presentation

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Stacey Schepens Niemiec at schepens@usc.edu.