

2019 MCH Student Scholarships

Introduction

The UNC Department of Maternal and Child Health is pleased to announce the availability of eight competitive scholarship opportunities for currently enrolled MCH master's and doctoral students. These awards of \$1,000 have been made possible through the generosity of private donors with the goal of promoting leadership and celebrating excellence in maternal and child health.

- The John and Sallie Shuping Russell Scholarship in Global Health
- The Katherine Ann Wildman Memorial Scholarship in Maternal and Child Health
- The Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute Scholarship
- The Edem Effiong Memorial Scholarship for Student Travel
- The Earl and Gladys Siegel Student Support Fund
- The Cynthia H. Cassell Doctoral Dissertation Award in Maternal and Child Health
- The Jimmie Lee Rhyne Scholarship Award
- The Sarah Taylor Morrow Scholarship Fund

Application Process

These awards will utilize a self-nomination process and are open to any currently enrolled MCH graduate student. Students may elect to apply for any or all nine awards, however, each application will be reviewed in light of the guidance for each scholarship award. When submitting your nomination, please indicate the award(s) for which you wish to be considered on your Recommendation Form. Please note that in no instance will a student be awarded more than one award, nor be considered competitively in subsequent years of graduate study after having received an MCH Award.

The selection process is coordinated through the Department's Awards Committee and will reflect the selection criteria specified in this packet. Forms to be used are provided in this packet and are also available on our Department's website. Completed applications should be sent electronically to Julie Theriault (jther@email.unc.edu) and must be received **by February 12, 2019**.

A completed application consists of the following:

- A statement (maximum 500 words, double-spaced, 12 pt. font, 1" margins) that includes:
 1. Applicant's academic and professional background
 2. Specific interests and career goals
 3. How the applicant would use the scholarship if selected
 4. One sentence describing other sources of support for the proposed activity
- A curriculum vitae
- One recommendation, **submitted electronically by the recommender**, from individuals familiar with the nominee's academic performance and achievements, as well as actual and/or potential professional impact on the field of MCH. This recommendation may come from a faculty member or a previous supervisor.

Selection Criteria

The MCH Awards Committee will review applicants based on: academic excellence; demonstrated leadership; potential and/or evidence of impact of work; commitment to improving and advancing the health of MCH populations; and **compatibility with the intent of a particular award**. Availability of other sources of support is also considered.

The John and Sallie Shuping Russell Scholarship in Global Health

Purpose and History

This award was established in 2002 to support an endowed scholarship in **global health, with a special emphasis on infectious disease and children's health**. Master's and doctoral students committed to global health may apply. The scholarship may fund an international field placement.

John and Sallie Shuping Russell are UNC alumni. This scholarship reflects their belief in the importance of public health in improving and advancing the health of communities and families throughout the world.

The Katherine Ann Wildman Memorial Scholarship

Purpose and History

This award was established in 2003 to support a scholarship in maternal and child health, in honor and memory of Katherine Ann Wildman. Master's and doctoral students with a demonstrated commitment to the study of MCH may apply.

Katherine Ann Wildman received both her MPH and PhD degrees in Maternal and Child Health from UNC focusing as a student and as a promising young investigator in the area of **perinatal health and epidemiology**. Dr. Wildman's research explored health systems factors associated with **maternal morbidity and mortality** during pregnancy and **understanding how to provide health care that responds to the needs and desires of pregnant women**. From her BA in International Relations to her dissertation about Tanzania and her work in Europe, Katherine Wildman showed a passion for travel, other cultures, and a strong commitment to being truly global.

The Carolina Global Breastfeeding Institute Scholarship

Purpose and History

This award was established in 2006 and provides a scholarship for a student with **special interest in the impact of breastfeeding interventions on the health and well-being of the mother/child dyad**. CGBI is dedicated to the understanding and improving intervention approaches and to improved documentation of how such interventions affect the health and survival of both the mother and the child. The central interest is research, evidence-based advocacy, and evaluation of interventions in support of knowledge, attitudes and the practice of breastfeeding, and may include related issues such as birth intervals, family planning methods and maternal nutrition, etc. Master's and doctoral students with a demonstrated commitment to the study of these issues domestically or internationally may apply.

The Edem Effiong Memorial Scholarship for Student Travel

Purpose and History

This award was established in 2007 in honor and memory of Edem Effiong, a dedicated community advocate who embraced public health as the means to promote social justice for women, children, and adolescents in Nigeria and around the world. Edem was respected for her intellectual engagement, giving voice to those on the margins. Just days before Edem passed away from leukemia, she received her MPH degree in MCH, demonstrating once again what one individual can achieve through perseverance and spirit.

The genesis of this student travel award was gifts from MCH donors and alumni, matched dollar-for-dollar by Professor Gary Koch, in recognition of the important role of field travel in enriching the graduate studies experience. Master's and doctoral students with a demonstrated commitment to leadership and advocacy in MCH may apply. The award must be used toward **domestic or international travel**.

The Earl and Gladys Siegel Student Support Fund in MCH

Purpose and History

This award was established by Professor Earl Siegel and Mrs. Siegel to support students. In recent years the focus has been to provide **financial support, especially travel**, for student field placements.

The Cynthia H. Cassell Doctoral Dissertation Award in MCH

Purpose and History

This award was established in 2007 by Dr. Gail Cassell and Mr. Ralph Cassell to support **dissertation expenses in the field of reproductive health**, broadly defined.

The Jimmie Lee Rhyne Scholarship Fund

Purpose and History

This award was established in 2009 by friends and family to honor the memory of Jimmie Lee Rhyne, pediatrician and 1959 graduate of our Department. The scholarship may **fund any MCH student in a domestic child or adolescent health placement**.

After receiving his MPH, Dr. Rhyne began his public health career with the Baltimore City Health Department in 1960. In 1977 he returned to North Carolina where for 13 years he served as the head of the Child Health Branch of what is now the Women's and Children's Health Section of the NC Division of Public Health. Dr. Rhyne, a recipient of the Department's Sidney S. Chipman award, was legendary for his support of school health and public health nurses, his advocacy on behalf of all children of North Carolina, and his love of teaching

The Sarah Taylor Morrow Scholarship Fund

Purpose and History

This award was established in 2013 by the children of Sarah Taylor Morrow to honor her accomplishments as a devoted mother, grandmother, physician and public health leader. She is a 1960 alumna of the MCH department. While this award is available to any student pursuing a practicum in **domestic public health practice**, preference will be given to a student from North Carolina. Dr. Morrow has been a pioneer in the field of public health throughout her long, distinguished career and, in retirement, she continues to serve as a tireless public health advocate.

2019 Recommendation Form for MCH Student Awards

Student Name: _____

Degree Program: _____

Name of Student Award (you may apply for any appropriate awards):

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Recommended by: _____

Note: The recommender is encouraged to respond to the following questions as seems appropriate, but in no case should this form exceed two pages.

How long and in what capacity have you known the nominee?

Please rate the nominee using the following scale and characteristic:

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Assess
Academic excellence					

Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to academic excellence.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Assess
Demonstrated leadership					

Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to demonstrated leadership.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Assess
Impact of work					

Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to the potential and/or evidence of impact of his/her work.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Assess
Commitment to MCH					

Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to commitment to improving and advancing the health of MCH populations.

Please provide any further remarks that you feel would assist the MCH Awards Committee in the evaluation of this nominee.