

University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
Child & Family Center for Innovative Research (CFCIR)
Child & Family Doctoral Dissertation Award (3/15/2023)

The Child & Family Center for Innovative Research (CFCIR) at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work recognizes the importance of research innovation for serving children and families. When funding is available, we provide competitive research awards to support doctoral students whose dissertation projects aim to promote and expand the CFCIR goals.

Eligibility:

With funding availability from faculty grants for child and family research, the CFCIR offers awards annually for doctoral students currently enrolled in the Ph.D. Program in Social Work at the University of Houston. The applicant must be an active UH student taking either a pre-dissertation or dissertation course to propose or implement an impactful study on children, adolescents, and/or families.

These awards are competitive. Each application must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant's dissertation study aims to promote the GCSW's mission and the CFCIR goals of expanding innovative research impact on children, adolescents, and/or families.
2. The applicant's dissertation chair must endorse the application.
3. A one-page summary (single-spacing) with the dissertation title and abstract to demonstrate how this research meets the evaluation criteria: (1) Significance to social work; (2) Innovative design and inquiry; (3) Implications for children, adolescents, and/or families; (4) Promotion of GCSW vision "to achieve social, racial, economic, and political justice, local to global"; (5) Budget with justification supporting this application.
4. Fundable items up to \$1,000 in total may include research expenses, conference travel, and publication fees.
5. After the award announcement, each applicant must sign an acceptance form with the dissertation title. If the title has changed, they must acknowledge that the study focuses on children, adolescents, and families before the CFCIR Director forwards the award request to the GCSW Post-Award Coordinator.
6. There is no application due date. Applicants can email their award applications to the CFCIR Director from August 15 to May 15 unless funds are exhausted for the year. Applicants may resubmit the unfunded proposal in the next funding cycle, provided the applicant will still be eligible.
7. The awardee may receive the award as a form of grant or scholarship based on fund allocation policy. As a grant, the awardee must file reimbursement on expenses while being enrolled at UH within a month with receipts.
8. The CFCIR Director and an invited reviewer will be judges. The CFCIR Director will inform the applicant of the review result with the award amount from \$0 to \$1,000.
9. A new application is allowed during a student's dissertation stage for budget items not previously funded from any sources. The maximum lifetime amount funded by this CFCIR award is \$1,000.
10. A limited amount of funds is available. Please consult [Dr. Monit Cheung](#), Director of CFCIR, for details.

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Date of Application: _____

PhD Candidacy Eligibility: Proposal stage "All but dissertation"

Doctoral courses currently enrolled (course#): _____

Applicant Name: _____ PeopleSoft ID#: _____

Phone Contact (Voice/Text): _____ Email Address: _____

1. Dissertation Title:

2. Proposal Approval Date: _____ or Proposal Defense Scheduled: _____

3. Prepare a one-page summary (single-spacing) with the dissertation title and abstract to demonstrate how this proposal meets the evaluation criteria: (1) Significance to social work; (2) Innovative research design and inquiry; (3) Implications for children and families; (4) Promotion of GCSW vision "to achieve social, racial, economic, and political justice, local to global"; (5) Budget with justification supporting this application.

*Renewal Application: This applicant received a CFCIR award (amount \$_____) in _____ (year). The maximum lifetime CFCIR fund is \$1,000 per applicant.

4. Signed by Applicant:

I understand this award is competitively determined based on fund availability. I will follow UH's reimbursement procedures and scholarship requirements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

5. Endorsement by the applicant's Dissertation Chair

Name: _____ Title: _____

I acknowledge the applicant's dissertation proposal focuses on children, adolescents, and/or families.

Signature: _____ Date: _____