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Call for Applications: Frances Degan Horowitz Millennium Scholars Program

The Frances Degan Horowitz Millennium Scholars Program (MSP) was developed as a vehicle to encourage and support scholars from under-represented ethnic/racial groups from North America in pursuing graduate work in developmental science.

MATERIALS

Deadline

Monday, December 10, 2018

11:59pm

Apply Now

DEADLINE HAS PASSED

The Frances Degan Horowitz Millennium Scholars Program (MSP) was developed as a vehicle to encourage and support scholars from under-represented ethnic/racial groups from North America in pursuing graduate work in developmental science. To that end, the program provides educational and professional development for these scholars, giving them a launching point for a career in the field of child development.

The program offers the selected scholars with mentorship from advanced scholars in the field who provide them guidance and support in their pursuit of educational and professional goals. Individuals from diverse racial, ethnic and disciplinary groups are recruited to serve as mentors. Through participation in the Millennium Scholars Program, minority scholars have the opportunity to attend the SRCD Biennial Meeting, special pre-conference activities, and the possibility to develop a lasting mentoring relationship with their mentors. These experiences enable scholars to gain valuable exposure to the field and allow them to interact not only with their mentors, but also with other scholars and professionals.

2019 Scholar Application Information

Scholar Benefits:

- Participation in pre-conference and conference training events at the 2019 Biennial Meeting.
- Individual mentorship during the Biennial Meeting.
- Registration fee waiver to support attendance at the 2019 Biennial Meeting in Baltimore, MD, USA and the MSP Pre-Conference event.
- Scholars will be reimbursed up to $1,000 USD for travel expenses (this includes flight, ground transport, and meals during the Biennial Meeting).
- SRCD will also reserve and pay for scholars housing during the Biennial Meeting.

Selection Criteria:

- Open to graduate students who are pre-doctoral candidates (i.e., pre-dissertation).
- Must be an SRCD member by the time of the 2019 Biennial Meeting.

- Preference will be given to applicants demonstrating a need for the resources and opportunities offered by the Millennium Scholars Program as well as interest in context, culture, race, and ethnicity.

Scholar Commitments:

f selected for the program, Scholars commit to:

- Participate in all MSP activities, including the SRCD Ethnic and Racial Issues Pre-Conference, “Conceptualizing and measuring culture, context, race, and ethnicity: A focus on science, ethics, and collaboration in the Spirit of 2044,” at the 2019 SRCD Biennial Meeting.
- Attend the MSP Pre-Conference (all day on Wednesday, March 20, 2019; including dinner).
- Attend Award Ceremony on Thursday, March 21, 2019.
- Attend MSP breakfast on Friday, March 22, 2019 to allow for individualized feedback from mentor.
- Attend Strategic Plan Poster Session on Friday, March 22, 2019.
- A self-scheduled activity with mentor during the Biennial Meeting (e.g., attending talk, poster session, sharing meals, etc.).
- Share a research project with mentor to receive feedback.

Scholar Application Materials:

- Curriculum vitae or resume (Microsoft Word or PDF)
- Academic transcript (Microsoft Word or PDF)

- A brief biosketch (accepted applicants' biosketches will be included in a program handbook) (200 word limit)
- An abstract on a research project (current or planned) on which you would like feedback (500 word limit) (Microsoft Word or PDF)

Scholars will need to provide responses to the following (maximum 300 words each):

- Please summarize your career goals, current academic and research interests, and any experiences relevant to the MSP.
- How you may benefit from participation in a pre-conference focused on culture, race-ethnicity, and diversity?
- Why is participation in the MSP important for your career development?
- In your view, what are key obstacles faced by under-represented scholars who are pursuing careers in developmental science? How can programs like the MSP help to address these obstacles?

Mentor Application

Mentor Benefits:

- Registration fee waiver to support attendance at the 2019 Biennial Meeting in Baltimore, MD, USA and the MSP Pre-Conference event.
- $500 USD stipend will be provided to all mentors to help offset the cost of coming to the Biennial Meeting one day early.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior scholars, mid-career scholars, early career scholars and postdoctoral scholars are eligible to serve as MSP mentors.
- Must be an SRCD member by the time of the 2019 Biennial Meeting.

Mentor Commitments:

If selected for the program, Scholars commit to:

- Participation in all MSP activities, including the SRCD Ethnic and Racial Issues Pre-Conference, “Conceptualizing and measuring culture, context, race, and ethnicity: A focus on science, ethics, and collaboration in the Spirit of 2044,” at the 2019 SRCD Biennial Meeting.
- Attend MSP Pre-Conference (all day on Wednesday, March 20, 2019; including dinner). Each mentor will be asked to participate in a workshop, presentation, and/or panel as part of the pre-conference activities.
- Attend Award Ceremony on Thursday, March 21, 2019.
- Attend MSP breakfast on Friday, March 22, 2019 to provide mentee with feedback on research project.
- A self-scheduled activity with mentees during the Biennial Meeting (e.g., attending talk, poster session, sharing meals, etc.).

Mentor Application Materials:

- Curriculum vitae or resume (Microsoft Word or PDF)
- A brief biosketch (accepted applicants' biosketches will be included in a program handbook) (200 word limit)
- Each mentor will be asked to participate in a panel, session, and/or workshop at the SRCD Pre-Conference
- Indicate 5 keywords related to areas of expertise

Mentors will need to provide responses to the following (maximum 300 words each)

- Please summarize your career goals, current academic/research interests, and any experiences relevant to the MSP and commitment to mentoring under-represented scholars.
- In your view, how can a program like the MSP best support under-represented scholars pursuing careers in developmental science?

For questions regarding application materials, please contact Dawn Witherspoon (dpw14[at]psu.edu) or Brendesha Tynes (brendesha.tynes[at]gmail.com). For technical support of the submission site, please contact Gabby Galeano (ggaleano[at]srcd.org).