

Tobacco Studies Program



TOBACCO SCHOLARS IN PUBLIC HEALTH 2011-12 APPLICATION

The UW Tobacco Studies Program (TSP) is pleased to announce that applications for TSP Scholar Awards are now open for the 2011-2012 academic year!

ELIGIBILITY

Graduate students pursuing a Master or PhD degree in any UW health science or public policy program are eligible to apply.

Students who receive funding from other sources such as RAships or the federal government (excluding tobacco companies or their subsidiaries) are still eligible to apply, as are international students. UW doctoral students may apply for the career development stipends only.

Students who were Tobacco Scholars in their first year of a Master degree program may re-apply for a second or third year if successful progress has been made in the program.

All program requirements must be completed in addition to the student's regular course of study and other department or track requirements.

SELECTION AND ALLOCATION

The number and levels of awards granted to eligible students will be determined by the following criteria:

- Strength of applications
- Financial need
- Number of qualified applicants

Successful applicants and level of award will be determined by the UW Tobacco Studies Scholars Committee.

Awards will be distributed in full by the end of the year.

The UW Tobacco Studies and Scholars Program is partially supported by an independent medical education grant from Pfizer Medical Education Group.

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AWARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

Tobacco Studies Scholar—Concentration Certificate

\$1500 to \$2000 (Up to three awarded per year)

Provides an opportunity for students to gain experience with a tobacco control agency or research project, pursue a tobacco-related topic in depth, and gain a broader understanding of tobacco control through coursework and seminars.

Certificate Requirements:

- Complete HSERV 558: Tobacco & Public Health (3 credits) during the Spring quarter
- Attend 3 or more tobacco studies journal club meetings and/or tobacco-related seminars* during the year
- Facilitate one tobacco studies journal club on a tobacco-related topic of choice
- Complete a 120-hour tobacco-related practicum or internship (satisfies the MPH practicum requirement; assistance will be provided to identify a suitable opportunity)
- Complete a masters thesis or capstone project on a tobacco-related topic
- Present research, final project, or practicum poster to your Department, School, Program, Agency or Conference (HSERV 558 final project may also be used to fulfill this requirement)

Tobacco Studies Scholar—Career Development Stipend

\$500 to \$1000 (Up to four awarded per year)

Provides an opportunity for students to broaden their knowledge about the impact of tobacco on public health through coursework and seminars, and supports other activities such as tobacco-related research projects and/or a presentation at a national tobacco control conference or public health meeting.

Stipend Requirements:

- Complete HSERV 558: Tobacco & Public Health (3 credits) during the Spring quarter
- Attend 3 or more tobacco studies journal club meetings and/or tobacco-related seminars* during the year
- Present a journal club session, research, final project, or practicum poster to your Department, School, Program, Agency or at a Conference (HSERV 558 final class project will also fulfill this requirement)

* Webcast seminars from Tobacco Related Health Disparities course or other approved sources available to fulfill this requirement (with one page discussion or response paper)

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APPLICATION OVERVIEW

After reading eligibility criteria and requirements, please submit all application components by **October 31, 2011** to Sara Jaye Sanford at sjs37@uw.edu, or mail to UW Box 354982, Seattle, WA 98195. Electronic submission (email) preferred. Awards will be announced and fellowship recipients notified in November. For more information, visit <http://depts.washington.edu/tobacco/scholars/>.

1) STATEMENT OF INTEREST: In 1 or 2 pages (1.5 spacing), describe your interest in tobacco prevention or treatment, your prior experience with tobacco control issues, and the ways in which a focus on tobacco prevention, education, research or policy relates to your overall academic and professional goals and future plans (including practicum, capstone, and/or thesis ideas).

2) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED: Briefly (in 1 or 2 paragraphs) explain how you will benefit from this award and how you would use the funds. (Note: Statement of Interest and Financial Need may be included in the same document.)

3) RESUME or CV: An up-to-date copy of your work experience and education.

4) LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Please include at least one, but not more than two brief (no more than one page) letter(s) of support from a current or former employer, faculty member or advisor who can speak to your interest and commitment regarding tobacco control as a public health issue, and to the quality of your previous academic (or other) work.

5) STUDENT INFORMATION FORM: Please complete the information form found on page 4. Information may be entered electronically into the form fields located in this PDF.

6) INTERVIEW: In order to provide an opportunity for us to learn more about you and your interest in becoming a tobacco scholar, interviews for new students (i.e., those who have not yet participated in Tobacco Studies Program courses or events) will be scheduled to take place at a mutually agreeable time in the first two weeks of November. Interviews will last approximately 20-30 minutes and will be conducted in person at the TSP office or in the Health Sciences Building. We will use information you provide on the attached form to contact you regarding interview scheduling.

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STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Name: _____

Student ID No.: _____

Social Security No. (required to process payment of award): _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth (required to process payment of award): _____

Mailing Address:

Street Apt/Unit City State Zip

School Affiliation (e.g., Public Health, Evans School, Social Work, etc):

Department: _____

Program and/or Track: _____

Academic Advisor: _____

Degree(s) you are pursuing: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Do you pay in-state or out-of-state tuition? (check one) In-state Out-of-state

What is your student status? (check one) Full-time Part-time

Source and amount of funding for current year, if any (i.e., RA or TA positions loans, fellowships):
