

SPH - Dr. Sharon L. Telleen Maternal and Child Health Award

Description of Award: Dr. Sharon Telleen is a community/developmental psychologist and a research associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Telleen earned a B.A. degree at Augustana College and the Ph.D. and M.Ed. degrees in human development at the University of Maryland. She joined the UIC faculty in 1983.

Dr. Telleen's research interests focus on the psychosocial and contextual factors of adverse health outcomes experienced by children and youth. She has authored, co-authored, or developed over 70 journal articles, research reports and prevention/intervention guides. She has also designed several computer programs and data systems that are used widely for case management and data collection and reporting by health departments, clinics, agencies, and schools across the country.

Dr. Telleen has been the principal investigator of a number of federally funded research studies; presented at conferences and colloquia; been active in university committees, professional service and public policy initiatives; and chaired or served on many dissertation committees.

Maternal and child health has been the focus of Dr. Telleen's research since she began her career at UIC. In recognition of her passion for maternal and child health and her service to UIC, Dr. Telleen has created this endowment fund to augment the opportunities available to doctoral candidates in Maternal and Child Health as they complete their dissertation research .

Award Amount: An award of \$1,000 will be given annually to a doctoral student enrolled in the Maternal and Child Health programs at the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago who is completing their dissertation research. The award is also open to MPH students who are doing a practicum in maternal and child health focused work, either this spring or summer. Students must be graduating summer 2017 or later.

Eligibility:

- Be a doctoral student at the UIC School of Public Health in the Maternal and Child Health Program or the Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology program that has completed his/her preliminary examination.
- Be in good academic standing
- If selected the candidate will be able to attend a luncheon and award ceremony at UIC SPH during public health week
- If selected the candidate will be able to complete their dissertation and/or proposal in 12 months from the date he/she receives the award
- Alternately, MPH students who are doing a practicum in maternal and child health focused work, either this spring or summer are also eligible. Students must be graduating summer 2017 or later.

Application Requirements:

Your application must include the following components to be complete:

- Telleen Award Application, which includes:
 - Copy of student transcripts

- One letter of support from your Advisor - The SNAP system allows you to enter the name and email address of the faculty member providing your letter. Please be sure to reach out to the faculty member before you enter their name in the system. Please be careful to correctly enter the faculty member's email address. For MPH students, any UIC SPH faculty member letter of support will suffice.
- Copy of student transcripts
- Current CV/Resume
- Provide the result of Preliminary Examination (Not applicable for MPH students)
- Dissertation Abstract that includes (Not applicable for MPH students):
 - Title of Dissertation
 - Introduction/Background
 - Research Question/Aims
 - Methods
 - Conclusion
- A personal statement: How would the award help you complete your dissertation? For MPH students, please provide a personal statement on how the award will help you to participate/complete your field practicum in MCH.
- Provide a timeline and plan to complete your dissertation and/or proposal over the next 12 months (Not applicable for MPH students)
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Application Deadline: Friday, April 21, 2017; late submissions will not be accepted.

Application Submission: The Spring 2017 SPH scholarships are accessible via the UIC Scholarships and Awards (Snap) system. <https://uic.academicworks.com/opportunities/2321>