**Workforce Development of Integrated Behavioral Health Practitioners to Serve Medically Underserved and Rural Populations on the West Coast**

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**Overview**

This one-year stipend of $10,000 is available to second year MSW students who graduate in the spring (ideally) or summer semester and who want to pursue a career in the field of integrated behavioral health. This stipend program is open to campus-based (UPC) and Virtual Academic Center (VAC) MSW students.

This initiative focuses on enhancing the education and inter-professional training of MSW students who are committed to providing improved integrated behavioral health services to vulnerable populations across the lifespan, including in rural and medically underserved areas in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. The goal is to expose students to the best evidence-based, strengths based practice models in integrated behavioral health, and to provide students an understanding of recovery and its potential to transform behavioral health services.

**Application**

Please email your application as described below to Ms. Melissa Woolley woolleym@usc.edu.

**We will accept applications between March 6, 2020 and May 1, 2020.** However, a different timeline might be adopted for students from the VAC.

Provide the following information:

* Your name:
* Your department (AMHW or CYF):
* Expected date of graduation:
* Email:
* USC ID number:
* Telephone number:

To be eligible, you must submit a 2-page essay (single or double-spaced) starting on the next page that answers the following questions:

* Why are you interested in applying for the West Coast Project stipend program?
* What are your learning goals related to providing integrated behavioral health services to the medically underserved and vulnerable populations?
* What skills do you possess that would benefit the West Coast Project stipend program?

**West Coast Project Stipend – Essay**