**Opioid Workforce Expansion Program**

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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 providing prevention, treatment, or recovery services for opioid use disorder (OUD) and/or substance use disorder (SUD). 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 address OUD/SUD. The goal is to expose students to the best evidence-based, strengths based practice models in integrated behavioral health to prevent, treat and recover from OUD/SUD.

**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 Coast to Coast Project stipend program?
* What are your learning goals related to providing integrated behavioral health services with a focus on prevention, treatment, and/or recovery from OUD/SUD?
* What skills do you possess that would benefit the Coast to Coast Project stipend program?

**Coast to Coast Project Stipend – Essay**