

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. Jessica Borja at jessiczb@usc.edu.

We will accept applications between March 8, 2021 and April 30, 2021. However, a different timeline might be adopted for students from the VAC. Please note that while applications are due on April 30th, the selection process includes accepting students who best fit the criteria and requirements of the stipend program and may therefore extend throughout the summer.

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

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