Alumni Board of Governors Award

The Alumni Board of Governors Award was established in 2006 to help meet the growing needs of U-M MSW students who pursue national and global field experiences and/or special studies programs. The Board strongly believes that as our world continues to change, it is becoming increasingly important for social work students to gain a local, national, and global perspective in order to address the challenges that face our global community.

The Alumni Board of Governors Award will assist students with the following:
- Travel to and from the location of the fieldwork site
- Room and board
- Transportation while on site
- Professional attire
- Program-related expenses

Selection Criteria
1. Applicant must be an admitted U-M MSW student for the current scholarship year.
2. Applicant must be accepted into a SSW approved national or global field placement site or global special studies program for which they are seeking support.
3. Applicant must be willing to be publicly recognized as a recipient of the award should they be selected, and give consent to having their “story” (field experience) shared in university communications and alumni events.
4. Applicant must be willing to meet with members of the Alumni Board of Governors and other donors at a special lunch/dinner upon receipt of the award.
5. The Alumni Board of Governors will focus on the following characteristics of applicants in the review process: Leadership, Initiative, Problem Solving Skills, Demonstrated Service to Others, Compassion, Integrity.
6. Preference will be given to applicants for whom a national/global field placement/special studies program is a new experience.
7. Preference will be given to applicants whose current curricular pursuits and future career goals closely align with the national/global experience.
8. Personal statement - see next page.

Awards
Awards will be granted based upon the selection criteria noted above. The strength, clarity, cohesiveness, and merit of an applicant’s personal statement will be strongly weighted in the decision-making process.

To Apply
To apply for the Alumni Board of Governors Award, please fill out the application form and submit it in-person to the Office of Field Instruction no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2016.

Questions
For questions, contact ssw.bogaward@umich.edu.

Notification
Recipients and non-recipients will be notified via email by mid-March 2016.
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2016 Application Form

Applicants for the 2016 Alumni Board of Governors Award are required to submit the following materials:

A) The application form completely filled out. (Please be sure to attach your SSW Travel Cost Sheet and your resume.)

B) One professional or academic letter of reference

C) A double-spaced three (3) page personal statement (12 pt.) that addresses the following:
   1. Discuss how a past (work/volunteer/personal/educational) experience where you worked with a diverse population has helped prepare you for your proposed national/global experience.
   2. Discuss how this proposed experience will be unique and how it will complement your career goals.
   3. How do you plan to “make a difference” in the community where your experience takes place? How do you plan to use your experience to “make a difference” at the School of Social Work?

Please sign and date below indicating that you meet the eligibility criteria, and then complete the rest of the application and submit it along with other required documents in-person to the Office of Field Instruction by 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2016.

_________________________________________  _____________________________________________________
Print Name  Signature and Date

Signature of applicant is taken to certify that the applicant is enrolled as a full-time student in good standing in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Michigan, the applicant has been approved for a national/global field experience or special studies program, and should the applicant be selected for an award as a result of this application process, applicant would be willing to be publicly recognized as the recipient of that award and would consent to their story being shared in alumni publications and at alumni events. Applicant would also make every possible effort to meet in person with members of the Alumni Board of Governors and other donors at a lunch or dinner reception upon acceptance of the award.

Award recipients who are unable to complete their special study program/field placement will be required to repay in full the awarded funds. Students experiencing difficulties during their national field placement should contact the Office of Field Instruction and global special studies should contact their faculty sponsor or the Office of Global Activities immediately for assistance to resolve problems.
Personal Information

1. UMID # ______________________ Uniqname ____________________________

2. Email ______________________________________________________________

3. List significant honors or awards: _________________________________________
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4. List work, educational, and/or volunteer experiences that are related to your proposed field placement/special study program: _________________________________
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Degree Information

1. Practice Method Concentration: __________________ Practice Area: ________________
2. If enrolled as a dual degree student, please indicate the dual program: ____________________

3. Anticipated graduation date: ____________________________________________________________________________

4. **Current GPA (Based on the 4 point SSW scale):** ______________________________________________________________________________

Summer Field Placement/Special Studies Information

1. Is the proposed experience a field placement or special study program? ___________________

2. If a special study program, list your faculty instructor: ________________________________

3. Where will your proposed experience take place? ______________________________________

   ________________________________________________________________________________

4. Will you be traveling to a country/countries under a University Travel Warning or Restriction? Check to see if your destination(s) are listed as a University Travel Warning and Travel Restrictions Destination by visiting [http://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/warnings-restrictions](http://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/warnings-restrictions). Please note travel to these destinations requires additional approval before funding can be released.  
   □ Yes  □ No

5. Provide the dates for your proposed experience: ________________________________

6. If your proposed experience is a field placement, has the placement been approved by the U-M Office of Field Instruction? If not, when do you anticipate approval? ______________________

7. If your proposed experience is a special studies, has a faculty member agreed to be your faculty instructor for the special studies course? If not, when do you anticipate finalizing arrangements with your intended faculty instructor? ________________________________

8. Please describe the field placement/special study program in 3 to 4 sentences below: _______

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9. The Alumni Board of Governors Award is approximately a $2,000 stipend. If you do NOT receive this award, will you still be able to participate in your proposed field placement/special study program? ________________________________________________________________

10. What is the full cost of the proposed field placement/special studies program? How are you planning to cover these expenses? ________________________________________________________________
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11. Have you received other awards or funding for your proposed field placement/special studies program? If yes, what amount and from where? ________________________________________________________________
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12. Please complete the SSW Travel Cost Sheet. This is the same sheet used for OSS/OGA/OFI. If you have already filled out this form please submit a copy. Tuition costs should not be included.

13. What is the amount of funding you are requesting from the Alumni Board of Governors? ________________________________________________________________

14. Please attach your current resume.
Request for Reference
Student Application for University of Michigan School of Social Work Alumni Board of Governors Award
to Complete a Global or National Field Placement or Special Studies Program

You are being asked to give your recommendations regarding a student candidate who is applying
for an University of Michigan School of Social Work Alumni Board of Governors Award.

Student Candidate’s Name: _________________________________________________________________

Please discuss the following items in your recommendation:

1. How long and in what capacity you have known the student candidate? __________________________
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2. Please comment on the student candidate’s leadership, initiative, problem solving skills, demonstrated
   service to others, compassion, and integrity. __________________________________________________
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3. Global and national field placements/special studies programs, while rewarding, can also be challenging.
   What characteristics or abilities do you think lend themselves to this student candidate’s ability to succeed
   in a global or national field placement/special studies program? ________________________________
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Please fax or email a PDF of this recommendation by 5:00 p.m. EST on February 1, 2016 to:
University of Michigan School of Social Work
Fax: 734-615-5403      |      Email: ssw.bogaward@umich.edu

Date: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Your Position: ____________________________ Your name (please print): ____________________________

Institution/Agency: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________