GERIATRIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

» As the population ages, employment opportunities in gerontological social work are expanding greatly. Geriatric social work offers extensive possibilities to make a difference in older people’s lives and a variety of opportunities for career advancement.

» Approximately 10 scholarships will be awarded to incoming students who are interested in becoming gerontological social workers. This unique program will expose students to a range of practice interventions on behalf of older adults in rural and urban settings and in direct service, policy and management environments.

PROGRAM FUNDING

» Nonresident Student: $10,000/semester ($40,000 total)
» Resident Student: $5,000/semester ($20,000 total)

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Armed with an undergraduate degree in Social Work and Gerontology, Katrina Dale entered the workforce, first as a group unit leader at a psychosocial rehabilitation center, and then as support coordinator for mentally and physically disabled clients at a social service agency.

The real-world experience she gained in these two positions convinced her that a childhood dream of working with geriatric patients was indeed the reality she was meant to pursue. But Katrina knew she needed to broaden and develop her skills even further if she was going to make a meaningful impact in the rapidly growing field of gerontological social work.

“The Geriatric Scholarship has provided me with the ability to focus wholly on my academics, and not have to take on such a heavy financial burden. Without financial help, I wouldn’t have the opportunity or the money to participate in these enriching activities that benefit me as a future social worker.”

“The Geriatric Scholarship Program at U-M exposes me to outstanding lectures, programs and volunteer opportunities.”