

## Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Student Stipend

**Due April 15**

### Purpose

The ***Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Student Stipend*** is financial assistance that is provided to students pursuing their MS degree or post-master's certificate as a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). Stipend recipients agree to work as a PMHNP in publicly funded community mental health services in California after graduation. Stipend recipients sign an agreement requiring them to be employed upon graduation in the public mental health system for a period of one calendar year for each academic year they receive a stipend. Graduates who do not meet these terms will be required to pay back the stipend.

Funding for the stipends is provided through the Mental Health Services Act, which was approved by California voters as Proposition 63. This act promotes the development and implementation of client- and family-driven, integrated, culturally competent, and recovery/resiliency-oriented mental health services. More information about the MHS Act, including the text of the Act, can be found at [MHS Act website](#).

### Support

The ***Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Student Stipend*** provides a maximum award of \$18,500 for an academic year in the form of a fee offset. Payment will begin after a minimum of one quarter of demonstrated successful progression during the academic year the stipend was awarded. The offset will be applied to their student fees starting winter quarter. The award is for one year only.

### Eligibility

People who have been accepted to or are currently enrolled in MS or post-master's certificate tracks preparing graduates for PMHNP roles are eligible to apply for these stipends. Students must graduate no later than 06/2019. The program has funding for 24 awards, and preference will be given to those who:

- Have demonstrated a commitment to working in public mental health;
- Can address the cultural diversity needs of recipients of public mental health, with emphasis on underserved communities;

- Have client and/or personal or family member experience in the public mental health system;
- Will deliver public mental health services that promote wellness, recovery, and resilience; and
- Are currently employed in the public mental health system and provide a statement of support from the agency executive describing plans to employ them after graduation in an appropriate community public mental health position.

### Responsibilities

If you are granted a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Student Stipend, you must:

- Sign a binding agreement to maintain employment as a PMHNP in a qualifying public mental health agency for a minimum of one year. If this service requirement is not met, recipients are required to pay back stipend funds;
- Continue to provide information on employment status after period of payback service ends; and
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 as well as satisfactory progress in the clinical portion of the program.

### Application and Submission (April 15)

- Download and fill out application from the School of Nursing Student Funding [webpage](#).
- *Submit a hard copy of the completed application to:*  
***PMHNP Student Stipend***  
*Attn:* Michele Keating  
Dept. of Community Health Systems, Box 0608  
2 Koret Way, San Francisco, CA 94143  
*OR submit via e-mail to [michele.keating@ucsf.edu](mailto:michele.keating@ucsf.edu)*

### Any further questions?

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## Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Student Stipend *Application Form* (Please Print or Type)

**Section A: Personal Information**

1. Full Legal Name
2. Program: <input type="checkbox"/> Masters of Science in Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Post Masters
3. Current Mailing Address
4. Permanent Mailing Address
5. E-mail
6. Racial/Ethnic Background; please check: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> East Indian/Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Pilipino/Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese/Japanese American <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano/Mexican American <input type="checkbox"/> Korean/Korean American <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese/Chinese American <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Other Spanish American <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Please Specify: _____
7. Are you fluent in languages other than English? If so, please note these languages and rate your level of fluency in each. 4 = Native Speaker    3 = Excellent    2 = Good    1 = Limited ability

**Section B: History of experience in public mental health**

*This can include employment or volunteer work with county mental health services or community-based mental health programs. Both nursing and non-nursing experience may be included. Use additional pages if needed.*

Organization/Location	Activity/Role	Dates/Frequency

**Section C: Statement of career objectives. Describe relevant experience, philosophy of care and professional career objectives relevant to this application. Please refer to eligibility criteria on the information page.**

<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Print Full Name</i>	

***Please attach letter of support from qualifying public mental health agency, if applicable. Special consideration will be given to applicants who have secured a promise of employment from a qualifying agency after graduation. Return both pages of this application form by April 15 to:***

**PMHNP Student Stipend**

Attn: Michele Keating, Dept. of Community Health Systems, Box 0608  
2 Koret Way, N505, San Francisco, CA 94143-0608 or email to [michele.keating@ucsf.edu](mailto:michele.keating@ucsf.edu)

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