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## Master of Arts in Counseling Program

# Application for Scholarships and Assistantships

Awarded for Academic Year 2019-2020

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### Introduction:

A limited number of partial scholarships and assistantships are awarded to incoming students in the Master of Arts in Counseling Program. All scholarships and assistantships are awarded for two years. Students in the Two-Plus Curriculum will not receive scholarship or assistantship funds in the third year of the program. The following scholarships and assistantships funds will be available for eligible students who will begin the program in academic year 2019-2020:

- **The Family Institute & Family Institute Alumni Association Community Scholarships**
- **Master of Arts in Counseling Program Research Assistantships**
- **Master of Arts in Counseling Program Support Assistantships**

In addition to the aforementioned awards, the **Harris Family Scholarship** will be awarded to two incoming students. The Harris Scholarship has a separate application process. For more information, please see the Harris scholarship application on our web site. Recipients of the Harris Family Scholarship will not be eligible of an assistantship award.

Those applying for financial assistance from the department must complete the following application.

### Application:

Section 1: Applicant Information			
Name		Date of Birth	Phone
Address		City	State      Postal Code
Email		Race/ Ethnicity	Gender
Section 2: Financial Need			
Marital Status		Number of Dependents	Dependents' Ages
Project your income, expenses and the support you will receive during your first year in the program beginning in 2018. You may attach a separate document with details of your income, expenses and support.			
Monthly Income		Monthly Expenses	



Annual Gross Salary – Self	\$	Rent/Mortgages	\$
Annual Gross Salary – Spouse	\$	Loan Payments	\$
Real Estate Income	\$	Medical Bills	\$
Other Income (Explain Below)	\$	Insurance	\$
		Other Expenses (explain)	\$
<b>Total Monthly Income</b>	\$	<b>Total Monthly Expenses</b>	\$
<b>Indicate the amount in each category below.</b>		<b>Indicate the amount of support from parent/partner/other.</b>	
Savings		Tuition Support	
Other Assets		Living Expenses Support	
Car Year/Model		Other Support (Explain)	
<b>Attach a copy of the IRS 1040 income tax form that you submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for the most recent year.</b>			
<b>Section 3: Essay</b>			
<p>Master of Arts in Counseling Program applicants who demonstrate financial need and who desire to gain experience as a research assistant or program support assistant are invited to apply for financial assistance from the Counseling department. The financial awards are a combination of scholarship and assistantship funds. Recipients of these awards are required to participate in either research or service activities for the duration of the time they receive financial assistance. Research and program assistants are encouraged to participate in a service or research activity that is meaningful to their individual educational and career goals. The time commitment is typically in the range of two to six hours per week.</p>			
<p><b>Assistantship awards are based on the following criteria:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financial need</li> <li>2. Desire to incorporate research and programming in future/career path</li> <li>3. Level of experience with research</li> <li>4. Level of experience with program/project support</li> <li>5. Oral and written communication skills</li> <li>6. Time management &amp; organizational skills</li> <li>7. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team</li> <li>8. Intermediate to advanced PC skills</li> </ol>			
<p>I am applying for the following assistantship (check both boxes if you wish to apply for both assistantships):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Master of Arts in Counseling Program Research Assistantship</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Master of Arts in Counseling Program Support Assistantship</b></p>			
<p><b>Attach a two-page essay explaining why you should receive this assistantship. The essay should address the criteria (see above) on which the assistantship awards are based. If you are applying for both assistantships, be sure to include both research and program support criteria.</b></p>			



**Statement of Agreement**

I understand that the information provided in this application will be used exclusively for the purpose of determining assistantship awards. I have a special interest in working as a research assistant and/or program support assistant.

**I understand that certain allocated funds established to provide these assistantships require that I do the following:**

- 1. Work each week for the duration of the assistantship and the time commitment is based on the award amount and is typically in the range of two to six hours per week**
- 2. Fulfill a service obligation to the Master of Arts in Counseling Program**

I further understand that if my status changes including but not limited to (1) satisfactory academic and clinical performance, (2) financial circumstances, and (3) inability to participate in Family Institute community settings, the scholarship assistance may be withdrawn. I agree to immediately report any change of my status to the Counseling Program Director.

I attest that all of the information submitted in support of this scholarship request is true and accurate.

**Type Signature**

**Date**

Submit the Program Specific Application along with your resume, supplemental essays, scanned copy of a recent photo of yourself and if applicable, the Application for Scholarships and Assistantships to Deidre Hicks, Education Coordinator at the following email address: [dhicks@family-institute.org](mailto:dhicks@family-institute.org)