**AGE*SW* Gerontological Social Work Pre-Dissertation Fellows Program**

The Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE*SW*), with support from the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), will **begin accepting applications for its Pre-Dissertation Fellows Program on February 15, 2022**. **The application deadline is June 1, 2022.**

**NOTE: While we plan to offer the Pre-Dissertation Fellows Program in-person at the 2022 GSA meeting, we will offer the Program virtually if the GSA meeting is not held in person. Please note that some of the Pre-Dissertation Fellows Program training and financial benefits may change if the Program is offered virtually.**

**Program Eligibility**

An applicant must at the time of application be:

* enrolled full-time in a U.S. social work/social welfare PhD only program
* in the first or second year of their PhD program
* a graduate of a Master of Social Work Program

**Program Training & Financial Benefits**

*Professional Development Training*

* Full-day pre-conference training at 2022 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting
* Daily one-hour trainings throughout the 2022 GSA Conference
  + Nationally recognized faculty experts in Gerontological Social Work will provide training focused on navigating the dissertation process; working with quantitative and qualitative methods; writing for publication; teaching strategies; and effective networking
* Professional development webinar held in the spring of 2023
* Ongoing mentoring from a member of the AGE*SW* organization

*Financial Benefits*

* $1,200 stipend to attend AGE*SW* Pre-Dissertation Fellows Training at 2022 GSA meeting
* One-year memberships to AGE*SW* and GSA organizations
* Registration for the 2022 GSA Conference

**The Application**

1. Applicant Information and Curriculum Vita
2. Personal statement that is two pages in length, single-spaced, with one-inch margins. Your statement should fully address the following:

* How your professional and personal experiences inform your desire to work as a scholar in the field of gerontological social work.
* What your professional goals are for working as a scholar in the field of gerontological social work. Please include a discussion of your research interests.

1. A letter of support from an institutional faculty sponsor indicating: 1) the applicant’s match to the Program’s goal of preparing PhD students for academia; and 2) the applicant’s capacity to develop into a competitive candidate for an academic career
2. A letter from applicant’s program director confirming $600 institutional support for attending the 2022 GSA Conference

**Applications can be submitted online at:** <https://agesw.org/about-agesw/pre-dissertation-initiative/>

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