

Rotary Club Public Health Award

Purpose: The overall purpose of this award is to encourage student focus and scholarship on innovative public health responses for addressing mental health needs in the state of Colorado.

Specific objectives include:

- To create an opportunity for ColoradoSPH students to participate in a project (e.g., practicum placement; capstone, thesis, or dissertation project; research study) that provides direct exposure to and participation in the development and/or implementation of innovative public health responses to the mental health needs of Coloradans.
- To create innovative public health responses that focus on reducing mental health disparities and improving health equity in Colorado.
- Topics may include but are not limited to, disparities in mental health, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), COVID-19, substance use/abuse, housing insecurity impacts on mental health, mental health challenges experienced by underrepresented/diverse community member, suicide and suicide prevention.

Eligibility:

- Enrollment in a degree program in the ColoradoSPH
- The student's project (e.g., practicum placement; capstone, thesis, or dissertation project; research study) must be focusing on public health responses for addressing mental health needs in the state of Colorado

Award Amounts: \$1,000/year for 3 students

- **\$500** will be awarded for the top-ranked application
- **\$250** will be awarded to the second- and third-ranked applications
- Awards will be evaluated in February and announcements will be made in early March, 2023

Submission Requirements:

- Current resume
- 1-3 page description of the proposed project including the following:
 - An explanation of the significance of the proposed project and how it will make a contribution to public health responses for addressing mental health needs in the state of Colorado;
 - A statement of purpose;
 - Methodology for the proposed project;
 - How an agency/organization is involved with the project.

- The inclusion of a reference list may be appropriate. This list will not count towards the 3-page limit
- Letter of support from a sponsor (e.g., preceptor for capstone or practicum; faculty member; community agency/organization). A letter of support from a sponsor should address the following:
 - Appropriateness of the project for the agency/organization's initiatives and how this project will impact your agency/organization.
 - Feasibility of the proposed project to be successfully carried out within the allotted time period.
 - Significance of the project for the student's professional development and details on how you will support the student with this project.
- To be considered, materials must be submitted in **a single pdf** to: ColoradoSPH.AcademicAffairs@cuanschutz.edu.

Selection Criteria: *Materials will be reviewed by a faculty and community panel and ranked according the following criteria:*

- The project must be focused on public health responses for addressing mental health needs in the state of Colorado.
- Other areas of focus for selection include:
 - Statement of purpose and appropriate and feasible methods for completing the project;
 - Practicality for impact on a patient population/scalability;
 - Strength of commitment to a community organization/agency;
 - Feasibility and likelihood that the project will be completed in a timely manner;
 - Appropriate and supportive sponsor letter

Award Recipient Expectations Following Project Completion:

- Present the Boulder Rotary Club a 500-word essay describing how the project contributed to addressing public health responses needed for mental health needs in the state of Colorado.
- Provide a short presentation to the Boulder Rotary Club regarding the outcomes of the project.
- Dissemination of project information via CoSPH and/or other media (e.g., social media [Facebook; Instagram]; blog post; press release; editorial).

**Rotary Club Public Health Award
Spring 2023 Award Cycle**

Please attach this cover sheet to the front of your application.

Student Name (Print):

Student Degree Program/Concentration:

Student Email Address:

Student Project Topic/Title: