

Rotary Club Public Health Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding research, education and public health practice achievements in developing innovative approaches to mental and behavioral health needs in the State of Colorado.

Specific objectives include:

- Incentivize ColoradoSPH students' engagement in projects that provide direct connection to, and participation in the development and/or implementation of innovative responses to the mental and behavioral health needs of Colorado.
- Inform community responses aimed at reducing mental health disparities and improving health equity in Colorado.
- Advance ColoradoSPH's mission to elevate public health and to address the myriad challenges facing Colorado's public health landscape including but not limited to: disparities in mental health, adverse childhood experiences, pandemic responses, substance abuse and misuse, housing insecurity and its impact on mental health, public policy making, and others.
- Support public health education through compelling awards and investing in the next generation of public health professionals.

Eligibility:

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

Award Amounts: \$2,000 for 3 students

- **\$1,000** will be awarded for the top-ranked application
- **\$750** will be awarded to the second-ranked application
- **\$250** will be awarded to the third-ranked application

Submission Requirements:

- Current resume
- 2-page overview of the project completed including:
 - An explanation of the project's significance.
 - A statement of purpose;
 - Overview of how the project makes a contribution to public health responses for addressing mental health needs in Colorado.
 - Review of methodology used for the project and notable highlights contained within the research (e.g. up to 8 references).
 - How the sponsoring agency was involved in the project.

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- One letter of support from the sponsoring agency which details the appropriateness of the project, implementation feasibility, and significance of the project to both the organization and the students' professional development.
- To be considered, materials must be submitted in **a single pdf by email** to: ColoradoSPH.AcademicAffairs@cuanschutz.edu by **April 20, 2025**.

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

- Strength of statement of purpose.
- Focus on public health responses for addressing mental and behavioral health needs in Colorado.
- Feasibility of implementation or active implementation by sponsoring agency.
- Commitment to a community organization or agency.
- Students' active or likely employment in a public health field focused on mental and behavioral health.

Award Recipient Expectations Following Project Completion:

- Students will present at the May Boulder Rotary Club Meeting.
- ColoradoSPH will share information about the project across communications channels including but not limited to Facebook, website, editorial, etc.

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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: