

Rotary Club Public Health Award

Application deadline: April 1, 2021

Purpose:

The overall purpose of this award is to encourage student focus and scholarship on innovative public health responses for addressing mental health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic 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 during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- To create innovative public health responses that focus on reducing mental health disparities and improving health equity in Colorado.

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 consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in the state of Colorado

Award amounts:

- \$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 April and announcements will be made by May 1, 2021

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 addressing public health responses needed for mental health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic 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@ucdenver.edu by email no later than **Monday, April 1, 2021 at 11:59 PM**.

Selection criteria:

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

- The project must be focused on public health responses for addressing mental health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic 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 consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic 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).

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2020/2021 Academic Year**

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: