

University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
Child & Family Center for Innovative Research
Child & Family Study Awards (Updated **2/10/2025**)

The Child & Family Center for Innovative Research (CFCIR) at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW) recognizes the importance of research and practice innovation for serving children, adolescents, and/or families. When funding is available, CFCIR provides competitive awards to support GCSW students' research and other academic projects.

Eligibility:

The CFCIR offers competitive awards annually for GCSW students (PhD or MSW) currently enrolled in at least one social work course, including pre-dissertation, dissertation, thesis, study abroad, or independent study to conduct or enhance their participation in an impactful project or academic activity ("project") on research, practice, or policy issues related to children, adolescents, and/or families in line with the CFCIR goals/objectives ([CFCIR website](#)).

Requirements and Application Procedures:

1. The applicant must describe a project on issues related to children, adolescents, and/or families. **Preference is given to projects not funded by other sources.**
2. A full-time GCSW faculty (e.g., the course instructor or dissertation chair) must endorse the application.
3. A one-page summary (single-spacing) with the applicant's name, project title, and abstract must demonstrate how it meets the **evaluation criteria**: (1) Significance to social work; (2) Implications for children, adolescents, and/or families; (3) Promotion of GCSW vision "to achieve social, racial, economic, and political justice, local to global"; (4) Budget with a line-item justification of the requested amount within the allowable limit.
4. The maximum award is up to \$1,000 for a doctoral student and \$500 for an MSW student. Please justify how you will use or distribute your requested amount (e.g., participant incentives, travel expenses, transportation, study abroad fees, conference registration, etc.).
5. There is no application due date. Awards are available on a "rolling" basis within each funding period: August 15 to December 1 and January 15 to May 1. Please check funding availability before emailing your application (with the application form) to the CFCIR Director (mcheung@uh.edu).
6. The awardee must sign an acceptance form with the proposal title if receiving an award. If the title changes, it must be related to issues affecting children, adolescents, and/or families.
7. The awardee must inform the CFCIR Director of the completion of the funded research.
8. The awardee may receive the award through a voucher or expense reimbursement based on the fund allocation requirements.
9. Awardees and project titles will be announced on the CFCIR website: [MSW and PhD Student Awards - University of Houston](#).
10. Please consult [Dr. Monit Cheung](#), CFCIR Director, if you have questions.

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Child & Family Study Award Application Form

Date of Application: _____

Applicant Name: _____ PeopleSoft ID#: _____

Phone Contact (Voice/Text): _____ Email Address: _____

PhD: Pre-Proposal stage Proposal stage "All but dissertation"

MSW: MSW Foundation MSW Concentration (__Clinical, __Macro, __Undeclared)

Course(s) Connected to This Application (course#): SOCW _____

1. Project Title:

2. Prepare a **one-page summary** (single-spacing) with your name, proposal title, and abstract to demonstrate how this proposal meets the **evaluation criteria**: (1) Significance to social work; (2) Implications for children and/or families; (3) Connection to the GCSW vision "to achieve social, racial, economic, and political justice, local to global"; and (4) Budget justification within the allowable limit. (CFCIR award is up to \$1,000 for a doctoral applicant and \$500 for an MSW applicant.)

3. May include other supportive documents (**up to two pages**, such as the objectives page of a course syllabus or an agency's support letter).

4. Signed by Applicant:

I understand this award is competitively determined based on fund availability. I will follow UH's procedures or project participation requirements. I will report project completion to the CFCIR Director.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

5. Endorsed by the applicant's Dissertation supervisor or course instructor:

Name: _____ Position Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____