MEMORANDUM

To: Purdue Faculty and Students
   Faculty Partners of the Center for Families

From: Shelley M. MacDermid Wadsworth, Director of the Center for Families

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Regarding: 2015 funding opportunities for faculty and students

APPLICATIONS/SUBMISSIONS DUE DECEMBER 1, 2014.

The Center for Families at Purdue University works to improve the quality of life for families within and beyond Indiana. The center targets its efforts toward four audiences, helping them to work more effectively with families: extension educators and specialists, human service professionals, employers, and policy makers. The purpose of this memo is to invite you to become involved in the work of the center.

Founded in 1994, the Center for Families at Purdue University stands as a concrete reminder that families, in all their diverse forms, are the foundation of society. With research, education, and outreach, the Center for Families at Purdue University strengthens services provided to families. Specifically, the Center for Families:

• Conducts and translates research on families and children with implications for policy or practice into lay language.
• Increases access to research-based information relevant to families, family service providers, and policy makers through the use of mass media and technology.
• Is a visible information resource statewide and nationally on policies and practices concerning families and children for the extension specialists and educators, social service providers, policy makers, employers, and the media.
• Increases and enhances collaborations among academics, practitioners, policy makers, corporations and community advocates regarding the role of families and children in society.
• Advocates for the use of research to inform family policies and practices.
• Promotes the study of families and children from a cross-disciplinary, life course perspective.

More information about the work of the center may be found at its website: www.purdue.edu/cff

Faculty and students on the West Lafayette campus are eligible to apply for these opportunities; preference is given to faculty who are partners of the center. Award recipients will be acknowledged, and should plan to attend a breakfast, April 2, 2015. I hope that you will consider taking advantage of this year’s opportunities. Please contact me if you have any questions, shelley@purdue.edu.

Shelley M. MacDermid Wadsworth
Director, Center for Families
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACULTY

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FAMILY RESEARCH

The Center for Families fosters a commitment to strengthening the capacity of families to provide a nurturing environment for their members. A reflection of this commitment is our creation of this award to recognize outstanding family research being conducted by Purdue faculty.

The Award for Excellence in Family Research will be given to a researcher from Purdue University, along with $500, who was the lead author of published work during the 2014 calendar year (published in print or in advance online) that represents outstanding family research. Nominations (including self-nominations) are sought for award consideration. (Researchers who have received the award within the past three years are not eligible.) All nominated articles will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers from the Center for Families including faculty partners and Advisory Council Members. Award recipients will be acknowledged at, and should plan to attend a breakfast, April 2, 2015.

Published research from any discipline, department or college is eligible for this award, and nominations from a wide variety of disciplines are encouraged. Articles must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal, and must be empirical (both qualitative and quantitative methods are welcome, but narrative literature reviews are not eligible).

The 2015 committee will be chaired by CFF Theme Leader Melissa M. Franks, and nominations should be submitted to her at mmfranks@purdue.edu. Nominations should include a cover letter indicating support for a given article as outstanding family research and an electronic copy of the nominated article. Nominations also should include contact information for the nominator and the lead author for the article.

Faculty Fellowships

We anticipate awarding one faculty fellowship to support preparation of publications or proposals for external funding that will be affiliated with the Center for Families. Up to $10,000 will be provided for a Kontos or a Hancook fellowship. Specific programs are described below. Theme leaders of the Center for Families are not eligible.

Kontos Faculty Fellowships

Susan Kontos, the founding director of the Center for Families, was an international authority in the field of early childhood education. In particular, Dr. Kontos was committed to the well-being of children who have traditionally been disadvantaged or underrepresented, particularly children with disabilities. Kontos Faculty Fellows will focus primarily on optimizing the development of children and youth. All topics in this area will receive serious consideration; topics of particular interest include child care and early childhood education; the health and development of children and youth in challenging contexts; and the inclusion of disadvantaged or underrepresented children and youth in educational, employment, or community settings.

Hancook Faculty Fellowships

Ann Hancook, former Associate Dean for Extension in the School of Consumer and Family Sciences, was a central figure in the founding of the Center for Families. Throughout her career, Dean Hancook was devoted to improving life opportunities for low-income families. Hancook Faculty Fellows will focus on maximizing the health, well-being, and development of adults as individuals, parents, and partners. All topics in this area will receive serious consideration; topics of particular interest include assessing and addressing community needs; and investigating, promoting, and nurturing conditions that foster successful family functioning.

Research Enhancement Grants

The purpose of the research enhancement awards, which are made initially to faculty and then passed to students, is to support student training and involvement in research. Up to 2 awards of $500 will be given to investigators to fund undergraduate student travel to research or training opportunities, or to provide stipends for undergraduate members of research teams. Projects receiving research enhancement awards must be affiliated with the Center for Families, either at original submission or amended prior to disbursement of funds. Principal investigators of funded projects must be or become faculty partners of the Center for Families. These awards are available thanks to generous support from the Clark Family.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

**Graduate Student Summer Award**
Outstanding graduate students are invited to apply for this fellowship. The recipient will engage in a program of scholarly activity, of his or her own design. The work must be supervised by a faculty member, and eligible students should have an approved thesis or dissertation proposal. This is a summer position carrying a stipend of $500 per month for two months. The fellowship will be awarded based on the quality of the student’s academic accomplishments and the fit of their work with the mission and ongoing work of the Center for Families. This award is available thanks to generous support from the Clark Family.

**Graduate Student Summer Award – Nutrition**
Outstanding graduate students in the Nutrition program are invited to apply for this fellowship. The recipient will engage in a program of scholarly activity, of his or her own design, which is related to the quality of life for children and families and nutrition, specifically diet. The work must be supervised by a faculty member, and eligible students should have an approved thesis or dissertation proposal. This is a summer position carrying a stipend of $500 per month for two months. The fellowship will be awarded based on the quality of the student’s academic accomplishments and the fit of their work with the mission and ongoing work of the Center for Families. This award is available thanks to generous support of the Butterfield family.

**Interdisciplinary Research Grant**
Students who have chosen a field of study that combines one, or multiple academic disciplines with the study of the families are encouraged to apply for this grant. e.g. Child-parent relationships in organized youth sports (Health and Kinesiology and Human Development and Family Studies). The work must be supervised by two faculty members, and eligible students should have an approved thesis or dissertation proposal. The $500 grant will be awarded based on the quality of the student’s academic accomplishments and the fit of their work with the mission and ongoing work of the Center for Families. This award is possible due to the generosity of Travis Dorsch and Breanna Studenka.

**Family Policy Internship (Graduate - 59000 credit)**
The Center for Families presents annual Family Impact Seminars to Indiana policy makers. These seminars educate state legislators about the implications for families of policy issues they are considering. Up to two interns will help to plan and execute the annual meeting of the advisory committee, assist in maintaining relationships among the organizations that collaborate to offer the seminars, publicize the seminars, help to plan and implement the upcoming seminar, and conduct library research on family policy. Available spring, summer, or fall semesters.

**Research with Families Internship (Graduate and Undergraduate - 39000 & 59000 credit)**
Students who are interested in hands-on experience conducting research with families and/or children are invited to apply for research internships. Several large projects affiliated with the center are in the process of gathering, entering, and analyzing a variety of types of data. It may be possible for student interns to access data from these projects for honors projects, theses, or dissertations. These internships are available in any semester.

**CFF Internship (Graduate and Undergraduate - 39000 & 59000 credit or paid)**
The Center for Families student internship will allow students the opportunity to gain real-world experience working on projects of the Center for Families. Interns will coordinate communication efforts with advisory council, donors, legislators, and faculty partners, while also gaining experience in project management, copywriting, basic web development, and event/meeting planning. This internship seeks to position students for success in their careers. PR/COMM, OBHR, and HTM majors are encouraged to apply.
ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible applicants for faculty opportunities include faculty with graduate faculty status in research or clinical lines. **Preference will be given to faculty partners of the Center for Families, faculty who have not previously received Center for Families funding, and to proposals that will lead to external funding affiliated with the Center for Families.**

- **Proposals for the Kontos and Hancook Fellowships must be accompanied by a COEUS budget.** Fellowship funds from the Center for Families should not be allocated to indirect costs.

- Eligible applicants for student opportunities include sophomore, junior or senior undergraduates or graduate students who are in good standing in degree programs.

- Applications for the Student Summer and Interdisciplinary awards must include a letter of support from the required number of faculty members who have agreed to supervise the award work. A report summarizing the work completed during the fellowship must be submitted by March 1 of the following year.

- Proposals supporting the preparation of applications for external funding must specify the prospective funder and the anticipated date of submission of the application. When the external proposal is submitted, the transmittal sheet must indicate affiliation with the Center for Families.

- **All publications or products completed with Center for Families support should acknowledge that support.**

- **All recipients of awards must submit a report summarizing the work completed during the award period by March 1 of the following year.**
Center for Families at Purdue University
2015 APPLICATION FORM

ALL APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 1

Applicant Name:
Email:
Address:
Project Title:

What resource(s) are you applying for?

**Award for Excellence in Family Research**

This form is not required for nominations – please see the box on p. 2 of the announcement for instructions. Submit nominations directly to Melissa M. Franks, mmfranks@purdue.edu.

**Opportunities for Faculty**

☐ Kontos Faculty Fellowship *(Vitae and COEUS budget required)*

☐ Hancook Faculty Fellowship *(Vitae and COEUS budget required)*

☐ Research Enhancement Grant *(Vitae required)*

**Opportunities for Student**

☐ Student Summer Award – Nutrition *(Include a copy of unofficial transcripts and a letter from a faculty member indicating willingness to supervise the fellowship work)*

☐ Student Summer Award – General *(Include a copy of unofficial transcripts and a letter from a faculty member indicating willingness to supervise the fellowship work)*

☐ Interdisciplinary Research Award *(Include a copy of unofficial transcripts and a letter from both faculty members indicating willingness to supervise the fellowship work)*

☐ Internship: CFF or Family Research (indicate whether 3900 or 59000 credit is desired)

☐ Internship: Family Policy (5900 credit only)

For each resource you are requesting, please attach a memo no longer than 3 double-spaced pages in which you:

- Identify the resource you are requesting and how it will be allocated (i.e., if you are asking for money, how much and how will it be spent).

- Explain what you plan to accomplish using the resource (e.g., what work will you complete).

- Explain how the work you plan will help the Center for Families and its audiences.

- Summarize your qualifications – explain why you should be chosen as the recipient.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY TO eff@purdue.edu
(Include the name of the award you are applying for in the subject line)