

Dissertation Fellowship Award Description and Eligibility Criteria

Through the DrPH or Ph.D. Dissertation Fellowship Award, the Dr. Antronette (Toni) Yancey and Darlene Edgley Fellowship seeks to fund dissertation research which examines innovative ways and methods integrating physical fitness as a key strategy for making positive changes in people's health; specifically, in reducing the disproportionately high risk of obesity and related chronic diseases among underserved populations and minority populations. Dissertation research which demonstrates the potential for measurable, observable impact in improving the health prospects of underserved communities and minority populations within the U.S. are given the strongest consideration.

Accepting applications for 2017-2018

Application deadline: March 31, 2018

Award amount: \$10,000

Who may apply for the Dissertation Fellowship Award?

Public health doctoral (DrPH) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) students from historically underrepresented racial and/or ethnic groups (see **"FAQs"** for details) in the dissertation phase of their doctoral program whose research interest focuses on:

- (1) Issues of obesity and related chronic disease prevention, which are addressed through physical activity (e.g. Instant Recess®), community-appropriate, user-friendly strategies, and other health behaviors (e.g. nutrition) with the ultimate goal of reducing the disproportionately high risk of obesity and related chronic diseases among underserved populations;
- (2) Working with underserved communities and minority populations within the U.S.; and
- (3) Using community-based participatory research.

As a note, awardees will be required to attend the Dr. Antronette (Toni) Yancey and Darlene Edgley Fellowship Awards Ceremony tentatively scheduled for **November 14, 2018**. Additionally, awardees agree to participate in periodic regular updates and contribute to assessment activities designed to record the impact of the Fellowship.