Deadline for applications is January 13, 2023

The Center for Families (CFF) annual funding program supports family research across Purdue University. Faculty and students from all departments on the West Lafayette Campus are encouraged to apply.

Read on to review all our opportunities and how to apply, or review on the CFF website.

The Center for Families facilitates the work of Purdue faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends to improve quality of life for families. We serve as a catalyst to integrate research, outreach, and teaching activities that support families. We increase and enhance collaboration among academic disciplines, professionals, policymakers, corporations, and community organizations to bring about positive change for families.

QUESTIONS?
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BURKHART AWARD WINNERS

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Sociology

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- Self-nominations are accepted
- Researchers who have not received this award within the past three years are eligible
- Article will represent outstanding family research
- Lead author must be faculty researcher at Purdue University
- Articles must be published work during the 2022 calendar year (may be published in print or in advance online)
- Articles must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal
- Articles must be empirical (both qualitative and quantitative methods are welcome, but narrative literature reviews are not eligible)
- Published work may be from any discipline, department, or college

HOW TO NOMINATE
Submit nominations to the 2023 Committee Chair, Melissa Franks: mfranks@purdue.edu

1. Cover letter indicating support for a given article as outstanding family research
2. Electronic copy of the nominated article
3. Contact information for the nominator and the lead author for the article

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES

THE LORENE BURKHART AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH ABOUT FAMILIES

The Burkhart Award recognizes outstanding family research being conducted by Purdue Faculty. Nominations are required for award consideration. All nominated articles will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers from the Center for Families Review Committee. The award recipient will receive $500 and should plan to attend and be acknowledged at the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships Excellence in Research Awards and the CFF annual awards breakfast.

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CENTER FOR FAMILIES FACULTY FELLOWSHIP ($10,000)

Each year the Center for Families awards one faculty fellowship of up to $10,000 to support a research project or proposal. Preference will be given to CFF Faculty Partners, faculty who have not previously received CFF funding, or proposals that will lead to external funding affiliated with CFF.

KONTOS FELLOWSHIP

A Kontos Fellow will focus their research on optimizing the development of children and youth. 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. Susan Kontos was the founding director of the Center for Families and an international authority in the field of early childhood education.

HANCOOK FELLOWSHIP

A Hancock Fellow will focus their research on maximizing the health, well-being, and development of adults as individuals, parents, and partners. Topics of particular interest include assessing and addressing community needs and investigating, promoting, and nurturing conditions that foster successful family functioning. Ann Hancock, former Associate Dean for Extension in the School of Consumer and Family Sciences, was a central figure in founding the Center for Families.

BURKHART FELLOWSHIP

A Burkhart Fellow will focus their research primarily on emerging family issues. Topics of particular interest include healthy family functioning; evolving family forms; and family disparities in educational, employment, or community settings. Lorene Burkhart, the founding donor of the Center for Families, is passionately committed to family well-being.

FEATURED FACULTY FELLOWS

2021 —

Kontos Faculty Fellowship: Xiang Zhoug, PhD, Counseling Psychology, Education
Burmese Refugee Adolescents’ Psychosocial Development: A Longitudinal Follow-up Study

2020 —

Burkhart Faculty Fellowship: Trenton D. Mize, PhD, Sociology, Liberal Arts
Attenuating the Commitment Penalty: How Organizational Policies and Workplace Culture Affect Perceptions of Workers Who Take Parental Leave

2018 —

Hancook Faculty Fellowship: Elizabeth (Libby) Richards, PhD, MSN, RN, CHES, Nursing
Stepping Out: A Pilot Study of Older Couples’ Paired Walking
GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Center for Families offers internships and research grants to students that allows them to engage in a program of scholarly activity of their own design, related to the focus of the grant. Student work must be supervised by a faculty member. Students may apply for more than one opportunity. Preference is given to those who have not been selected to receive other CFF funding and students who are advised by CFF faculty partners.

FAMILY RESEARCH GRANT ($1,000)
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This grant is available thanks to the Robert O. And Zelma C. Swaim Memorial Fund, created to enhance the quality of family relationships.

Bob L. and Joyce Beery Miles Undergraduate Research Enhancement Grant ($500)
This grant is given to faculty to fund student training and involvement in research. Funds can be used for student travel to research or training opportunities, or to provide stipends for undergraduate members of research teams. Faculty members apply on behalf of students.

This grant is available thanks to the Bob L. and Joyce Beery Miles Endowment. After seeing the impact a small amount of support can have on the trajectory of an student, Bob and Joyce created the endowment, further committing their ongoing support of undergraduate research at Purdue.

How to Apply

All materials listed below must be combined into one file in PDF and submitted through the electronic CFF application process.

1. Statement of Purpose no longer than 3 double-spaced pages in which you:
   - Identify the goals of your proposed project
   - Explain how this project aligns with the opportunity you are applying for and how it will advance the work of the Center for Families
   - Provide a summary of your relevant experiences and qualifications for carrying out this project
2. A Budget Justification or COEUS budget. CFF Fellowship funds should not be allocated to indirect costs
3. Curriculum Vitae

Faculty may apply for more than one award, but can receive only one. Preference will be given to CFF faculty partners, faculty who have not previously received CFF funding, and proposals that will lead to external funding affiliated with the Center for Families.

Faculty Opportunities

Justice Family Nutrition Grant ($1,000)
This grant is for students pursuing research on the quality of life for children and families, focusing on nutrition, and specifically diet or public policy.

This grant is available thanks the Catherine L. Justice Trust. Catherine L. Justice, former Associate Professor in the Department of Food and Nutrition and Founder of the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics, touched the lives of many dietitians in Indiana and throughout the U.S. as well.

Family Research Grant: Rachel Hahn Arkenberg, Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
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2. Budget Justification (Describe how you will use the CFF funding to support your project goals)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Letter of support from the faculty member(s) who has agreed to supervise the project work
   (Interdisciplinary Research Grant applicants must provide at least two letters of support from faculty in two different departments)

Students may apply for more than one opportunity. Preference is given to those who have not been selected to receive other CFF funding, and students who are advised by CFF faculty partners.

Leo and Elva Leviem Family Policy Scholarship and Internship ($1000 + Graduate 59000 Credit)

Interns assist with planning and conducting research for the Indiana Family Impact Seminar and the Family Impact Institute. The seminar, which takes place annually in November, educates state legislators about the implications of policy issues for families. Along with this internship, recipients will receive the Leviem Scholarship, which was created to support students committed to fostering family values and bettering families.

Students must be in at least their second year of study to apply. Interns must register for 3-4 credits, with a minimum of 2 credits to be taken in the fall.

This scholarship is possible due to the generosity of Betty Leviem Krejci, who created the endowment to honor her parents, Leo and Elva Leviem and their belief in family. Betty is responsible for the establishment of the Indiana Family Impact Seminars at the Center for Families.

Past Family Impact Seminars

2021 — Growing the Labor Force in the Post-COVID Era
2020 — The Digital Divide: How Does it Divide Hoosiers?
2019 — Hoosiers and Homes: Housing Policies in Indiana
2017 — Diversion programs at the intersection of substance abuse and mental health
2010 — The Legacy of Literacy
2005 — Gambling: What are the Odds for Indiana Families?
1999 — Healthy Environments for Young Children

2019-20 Justice Family Nutrition Grant was awarded to Kassidy Sharpe, Dept. of Nutrition Science, Reducing Added Sugars in Adolescents and Families using Sparkling Water. Sharpe is now a PhD Student at the University of Georgia.
The Center for Families offers internships, awards, and grants to students based on the quality of the student’s academic accomplishments and the fit of their work with the Center for Families’ mission and ongoing work.

**BOB L. AND JOYCE BEERY MILES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT GRANT ($500)**

This grant is given to faculty to fund student training and involvement in research. Funds can be used for student travel to research or training opportunities, or to provide stipends for undergraduate members of research teams. Faculty members apply on behalf of students. Undergraduates should contact their faculty advisor with award information.

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**CENTER FOR FAMILIES INTERNSHIP (UNDERGRADUATE 390 CREDIT)**

The internship provides students the opportunity to become more informed about family research and to gain real-world experience working on Center for Families projects. Interns will assist with event/meeting planning, stakeholder engagement, communications and marketing, and basic project management and administrative tasks. Candidates should have strong communication and organizational skills, and be able to work with limited supervision on multiple projects. PR/COMM, OBHR, and HTM majors are encouraged to apply.

*To apply, submit a cover letter and your resume to cff@purdue.edu.*

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**FEATURED MILES GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**2022**

Christy Wessel Powell, Curriculum and Instruction supporting Kayla Neal

**Parent Experiences with Racial Representation in Children’s Literature**

**2018**

Kristine Marceau, HDFS, supporting Savannah Hottle, BIO

**25 Years of Puberty Research: A Bibliometrics Analysis**