Deadline for applications is February 5, 2024

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 harnesses the power of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends to improve our quality of life. We increase and enhance collaboration among academic disciplines, professionals, policymakers, corporations, and community organizations to build a better world for all families.
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 will be acknowledged by Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships Excellence.

Eligibility requirements:
• Self-nominations are welcome
• 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 member at Purdue University
• Articles must be published work during the 2023 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 2024 Committee Chair, Melissa Franks: mfranks@purdue.edu

FEATURED FACULTY FELLOWS

Trenton D. Mize, Sociology
Attenuating the Commitment Penalty: How Organizational Policies and Workplace Culture Affect Perceptions of Workers Who Take Parental Leave
2020

Elizabeth (Libby) Richards, Nursing
Stepping Out: A Pilot Study of Older Couples’ Paired Walking
2018

Amanda Veile, Anthropology
Nutritional assessment of Yucatec Maya children in the aftermath of global disruption
2023

Xiang Zhou, Counseling Psychology, Education
Burmese Refugee Adolescents’ Psychosocial Development: A Longitudinal Follow-up Study
2021

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2018

Oliver Wendt, Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Effects of a Parent-Implemented Augmentative and Alternative Communication Program for Children with Severe Autism
2012

Connor Weaver and Barbara Mayfield, Nutrition
Promoting Family Meals
2004

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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)

This grant is for students who will generate important new information about families. It allows the student to supplement funding available for research-related expenses or travel.

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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 a student, Bob and Joyce created the endowment, further committing their ongoing support of undergraduate research at Purdue.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

FEATURED MILES GRANT RECIPIENTS

2019
- Parent Math Anxiety and Mathematical Performance of Pre-K Children
  - Meg Becker, HDFS
- Child Maltreatment and Child Development in Context
  - Sharon Christ, HDFS
  - Anthony Adams, Statistics

2016
- Reduced Added Sugars in Adolescents and Families using Sparkling Water
  - Kassidy Sharpe, Dept. of Nutrition Science

This grant will support students conducting research or thesis work that is directly impacting the community with a strong focus on work and family. It will allow graduate students to attend workshops or professional conferences. Recipients must be involved with the Center for Families, the Military Family Research Institute, or they must have a faculty advisor who is a Center for Families faculty partner.

This grant is available thanks to the Dr. Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth Graduate Student Research Recognition Fund, created in her honor as recognition of her leadership as the director of the Center for Families.

This grant is available thanks to 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.

DR. SHELLEY MACDERMID WADSWORTH GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH RECOGNITION GRANT ($1,000)

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Catherine L. 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.
GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

STUDORSCHKA INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANT ($1,000)

The Interdisciplinary Research Grant is for students who have chosen a field of study that combines two or more academic disciplines with the study of the families. The work must be supervised by two faculty members in two different departments.

This grant is possible due to the generosity of Dr. Travis Dorsch and Dr. Breanna Studenka. While completing his doctoral dissertation in Health and Kinesiology at Purdue, Travis spent hours learning about families, as he recognized that you can’t study individuals in isolation. He sought out support from the CFF Funding Program, which helped launch his career. He and Bree hope this interdisciplinary grant will help launch the career of others.

HOW TO APPLY FOR GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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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. 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.

FEATURED GRANT RECIPIENTS

2021
Family Research Grant: Rachel Hahn Arkenberg, Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences
Family and Child Influences on Complementary Feeding and Communication Development

2019
Interdisciplinary Research Grant: Kaylin Hill, Psychological Sciences
Identifying the Pathophysiology of Depression and its Permeability Across the Lifespan
Justice Family Nutrition Grant: Breanne Wright, Nutrition Science
Evaluating the Effect of a Community Targeted Intervention on the Nutritional Quality of the Food Pantry Environment, and the Diet Quality and Food Security of Food Pantry Clients

2017
Family Research Grant: Madisson Whitman, Anthropology
Gender Variant Children and Their Families

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UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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