

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
STRONGER FAMILIES - STRONGER FUTURE

CENTER FOR FAMILIES FUNDING PROGRAM

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Deadline for applications is February 3, 2025

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

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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.

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QUESTIONS?

contact cff@purdue.edu

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.

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CHRISTIE SENNOTT 2015 LORENE BURKHART AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH ABOUT FAMILIES

“I gained considerable recognition after receiving this award, which was impactful for my professional advancement. The award also motivated me to pursue further research in this area. My co-author and I

conducted a related study on norms surrounding college women’s and men’s reproductive and contraceptive behavior, which has led to several publications. Thank you, CFF!”

ROSIE SHROUT 2022 LORENE BURKHART AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH ABOUT FAMILIES

“It was an honor to receive the Burkhart Research Award! Being recognized has shown the importance of relationship and family science, and the need to understand how relationships contribute to our health and longevity.”

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 2024 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 2025 Committee Chair,
Melissa Franks: mfranks@purdue.edu

Nominations must include:

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

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES

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 faculty member who is engaged in research focused on family processes or policies, broadly defined.

As a way to celebrate the Center for Families 30th Anniversary and its keystone initiative, this year’s theme will focus on **Family Meals, Nutrition, and Health**. Faculty who choose to submit applications which incorporate this theme into their submission will receive preference in review.

CFF Faculty Fellows are a valued resource at the Center for Families. You can find more information about previous award recipients at:

<https://centers.purdue.edu/cff/initiatives/funding-program/funded-research/#fellowship>

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BARBARA MAYFIELD - 2004 ANN HANCOCK FACULTY FELLOW

“When I received the Fellowship, I was working to create awareness of research surrounding family meals. With the Center, I created a webpage of resources for the public, supported student researchers, and created presentations. This support led to projects with WIC, SNAP Ed, and extension, among others.”

TRENTON MIZE - 2020 LORENE BURKHART FACULTY FELLOW

“This fellowship was instrumental for this research. We published four articles from the survey experiment supported by the Center and have more under review. We were also able to leverage our initial publications and evidence for a larger grant.

Being able to point to the early success from the study completed under the fellowship was pivotal in securing the subsequent grant.”

OLIVER WENDT - 2012 SUSAN KONTOS FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

“Early in my career, I was fortunate to receive support to develop the SPEAKall! application for families affected by autism. The impact generated through the Fellowship led to external funding, patents filed, and a company to bring the technology to market. This technology that supports families, created by Purdue students, funded by CFF, has not only made an impact in Indiana, but around the world.”

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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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. 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.

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.

CATHERINE L. 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.



2022 Justice Family Nutrition Grant was awarded to Elina Dawoodani, Dept. of Nutrition Science, *Does Iron Deficiency Affect Children's Eating Behavior?*

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

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.

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.

GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

EDWARD V. AND MARY E. MCALLISTER FELLOWSHIP

The McAllister Fellow will collaborate with their advisor on research related to the quality of life for children and families. The fellowship provides 12 months of stipend equaling that offered to half-time research assistants, plus funds to cover some additional fees.

The McAllister carries no duties other than completion of the work described in student's application. Applicants must have a master's degree, have completed their PhD qualifying exam, and be a U.S. citizen.



2013 McAllister Fellowship was awarded to Jill Trumbell, Human Development and Family Science, *Attachment Behavior and Representation across Early Childhood: Links to Maternal Behavior*. Trumbell is now Assistant Professor at the University of New Hampshire.

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JILL TRUMBELL - 2013 EDWARD V. AND MARY E. MCALLISTER FELLOWSHIP

"I am so thankful for the support I received during my last year in the PhD program — it truly made a world of difference in allowing me to focus my efforts on writing during that time and helped to prepare me for the academic position I am in."

CHRISTINE MCCALL - 2021 EDWARD V. AND MARY E. MCALLISTER FELLOWSHIP

"Because of this support, I crafted strategies and developed career plans that would allow me to generate and disseminate research on the well-being of individuals and family systems. I refined my analytic, theoretical, and communication skills to better generate and disseminate research on families. I was also able to expand my mentorship network, which allowed me to learn from experts in different disciplines about their approach to family research."

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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 (Studorsheka 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.

UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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