

The Robert L. Kane Scholarship of Excellence in Long-Term Care Call for 2020-2021 Applicants

Description The Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging (LTC Chair) is pleased to announce The Robert L. Kane Scholarship of Excellence in Long-Term Care for 2020-2021. The mission of the LTC Chair is to advance excellence in long-term care (defined as “an array of informal and formal community-based and residential services offered to those with chronic conditions and/or functional limitations over time;” Gaugler, 2016, p. 422) and shape the practice, policy, and pedagogy of this critical area of focus. The Chair was explicitly founded to achieve excellence in long-term care by collaborating with those in the “field,” i.e., the many innovators throughout Minnesota who have established the state as a leader in long-term care.

The Robert L. Kane Scholarship of Excellence in Long-Term Care (LTC Scholarship) will provide \$40,000 during the 2020-2021 academic year for University of Minnesota Master’s-level or professional doctorate students who are fully committed to pursuing a professional career in long-term care following the completion of their degrees.

Eligibility The LTC Scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled in a Master’s or professional doctorate (e.g., Doctorate of Nursing Practice/DNP; Doctor of Pharmacy/PharmD) degree granting program at the University of Minnesota. Students who have previously received the LTC Scholarship are not eligible. Applicants must demonstrate that 2020-2021 is the final academic year of their program. LTC Scholars must demonstrate a commitment to working in a long-term care profession immediately following the receipt of their degree. We anticipate funding one LTC Scholar in 2020-2021.

Application Procedure All LTC Scholar applications should be emailed to Ann Emery, MS, CRC, Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging Coordinator, at carl0219@umn.edu, 612-626-9515. All applications should be submitted as a complete Microsoft Word document. The deadline for submission is **July 15, 2020**.

LTC Scholarship applications should be formatted as follows: single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins. References can be included on a separate, single page per APA, AMA, Vancouver, or Chicago formatting styles. Diagrams or pictures may be included on a maximum of 1 additional, separate page.

LTC Scholar Application Components

1. A **Title Page** that includes the applicant's name, email address, student ID, degree program, and working project title. 2.

Your story (maximum of 1 page)

- a. How did you become interested in a career in long-term care? 3.

Your plan (maximum of 1 page)

- a. Describe your future career plan/aspirations to specialize in long-term care 4. **Project proposal (maximum of 1 page)** a. A requirement of all LTC Scholars is the completion of a project related to long-term care. This project can be a research project, a program evaluation, a quality improvement initiative, a community-engaged effort, or something similar, but must have a focus on long-term care. In no more than a page, outline the aims/purpose of your proposed project. 5. **Project Timeline**, including a plan to present the proposed research at one or

more of the following conferences: a. University of Minnesota Graduate Research Conference b. The Minnesota Gerontological Society c. University of Minnesota School of Nursing/Research Day d. School of Public Health Research Day e. National conference of the applicant's choice f. Others identified by the application/review committee 6. **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**

- a. Maximum of 5 pages, single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, that focuses on academic accomplishments and awards, professional experiences, publications and presentations 7. **A maximum 2-page letters of support from up to three references attesting to the quality of the applicant's academic and professional achievements as well as their professional commitment to a career in long-term care.** 8. Official graduate school transcripts (with explanation of any incompletes).

Review and Selection The review of applicants will be conducted by the Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging (Joseph E. Gaugler, PhD) and the LTC Chair Executive Committee. LTC Scholar finalists will be initially identified according to the following criteria:

- The applicant's commitment to a career in long-term care;
- The quality and rigor of the proposed project;

- The applicant's quality of academic and professional accomplishment.

Once finalists are selected, a 15-minute oral presentation of the finalist's proposed project to the LTC Chair Executive Committee, along with 15-minute question and answer session, will take place. Within a week following the oral presentations, the LTC Chair Executive Committee will announce the 2020-2021 Robert L. Kane Scholar of Excellence in Long-Term Care award winner.

Award Policy and Requirements Recipients may hold supplemental support from other funding/award sources.

Terms of Award. Although recipients need not be in residence during the tenure of the fellowship, they must be registered for credit in the Graduate School both semesters of the academic year. They must also present on the status of their work quarterly to the LTC Chair at a minimum, and must present at a conference during the project year as indicated above.

Please direct questions about the application process to Ann Emery, M.S., CRC, Robert L. Kane Long-Term Care Chair & Aging Coordinator, 612-626-9515 or carl0219@umn.edu.