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The Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health at the University of Colorado is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the 2023-24 Community Fellowship Program. This fellowship offers qualified professionals a scholarship-supported advanced training in infant and early childhood mental health, regardless of their location within Colorado. Using remote learning technology, fellows will participate in a yearlong training program, while continuing to serve young children, families and providers in their community. The training curriculum provides instruction on core topics within infant and early childhood mental health and aligns with competency guidelines for the Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health's Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Based Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health. Our goal is to support professionals across the state as they develop expertise in infant and early childhood mental health, provide high-quality clinical and consultation services, advocate on behalf of young children and families, and enhance the early childhood continuum of care.

Thanks to the generous support of our funders, tuition scholarships are available for up to 10 community practitioners who meet program requirements and whose agencies do not have the financial resources to offset the fellowship tuition costs. Scholarships will be prioritized for applicants from agencies serving high-risk, vulnerable families of pregnant people, infants, and young children in urban and rural areas. We are actively seeking candidates who reflect the diversity of their community. Community fellowship positions are available for masters or doctoral level psychology, social work, counseling, and marriage and family mental health providers who are licensed or license-eligible with agency supervision. Community fellows are individuals seeking training in infant and early childhood mental health, while continuing their current jobs and participating in the Harris Community Fellowship on a part-time basis. Interested applicants must be working as a mental health professional with infants and very young children (birth through age 5) and their caregivers.

Community fellows are required to commit to one full training day (Thursday) a week for seminars, up to four (4) hours of course preparation per week, supervision scheduled on Thursdays or at a mutually convenient time and occasional additional training activities such as orientation, DC: 0-5 training, field trip day and graduation. Community fellows must maintain an adequate clinical caseload of direct service with young children and their families to support supervision and case discussion in the didactic seminars. Community applicants will also need a commitment of appropriate "release time" from their agency duties to participate in the fellowship experience. Release time typically includes a reduction in caseload and/or administrative responsibilities, in addition to time to attend the full day of training each week. Finally, we ask agency supervisors to collaborate with the Harris Community Fellowship faculty to assure the fellow's training translates into meaningful impact for the young children and families served. Harris faculty will contact supervisors at the beginning, mid-year, and end of program to clarify any questions, share expectations and check-in. Supervisors will also be asked to complete surveys needed to ensure that we are meeting grant and program targets and for quality improvement.

If you meet these requirements and are interested in applying, please submit a completed copy of the MOU signed by an agency representative with fiscal and administrative signing authority, attesting to the agency's intent to release the fellow from approximately 8 hours/week of professional/clinical responsibilities and support the fellow and their activities during the training year. In addition, you will complete the full application, submit your CV or resume, and two recommendation letters. Recommendation letters are required from a direct supervisor and from a colleague familiar with your professional work. The full application process and MOU template is available on the website at:

<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/psychiatry/education-pillar/fellowships/harrisprogram/apply/expansion-community-fellowship-program>

Applications will be accepted on a rolling enrollment basis until positions are filled.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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