

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
FLORENCE STIER RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AWARD
DUE MAY 12TH, 2020

What is the Florence Stier Research Development Award?

The Florence Stier Research Development Award is an endowment that has been provided to the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Social Work. The intent of the award is to support faculty research and development. These funds are awarded every other year.

What Does the Award Provide?

The Florence Stier Research Development Award will provide 1 faculty member with a 2-year \$15,000 research award to support a specific research project (including, but not limited to, small projects, pilot projects, and supplements to larger projects for specific purposes).

Priority will be given to projects of focusing on an issue or problem focused on some aspect of social justice and equity that is relevant to social work. Priority will also be given to projects that propose to hire and train social work students (BASW, MSW or PhD) in carrying out the project. The awardee is highly encouraged to put the required final report in the Digital Repository for the University of Pittsburgh, D-Scholarship.

Who Can Apply?

All faculty (as defined within the bylaws of the University Faculty Senate, Article 1 Section 3) within the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Social Work can apply for the Florence Stier Research Development Award. Awards cannot be used to support faculty salary or conference travel. However, awards can be used to support faculty training costs that require travel.

Pre Award Process

Applicants should use the pre-award process. **As soon as possible**, contact Laurie Mejia at lam15@pitt.edu and inform her of your intent to apply. She will ask you to complete a form found on SharePoint and email it to her. Within -three days you will meet with her and one of the Research Advisory Committee to talk about the proposal idea and to draft a budget. The form can be found here: https://pitt-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/mms34_pitt_edu/SSW.Sharepoint/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7BE2371210-CAF3-45FA-B404-ED7EC8EE7F29%7D&file=01-Proposal%20Planning%20Form.docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true

Applications and Process of Selection

Applications consist of a 3-5 page research proposal, formatted with -1.5 spacing and 0.5 inch margins. - Page limit does not include references or title page--. Application must be submitted as single pdf file. Sections in the proposal must:

- (1) Clearly define the problem the research project intends to address and its relationship to social justice;
- (2) Provide an overview of the research plan/methods;

- (3) List the project team;
- (4) Explain how successful completion of the project advances the field, the faculty member's research agenda, and is of high impact to social work; and
- (5) Include a budget and budget justification.

-Proposals will be evaluated according to the scoring matrix on page 4.

Applications must be submitted by **May 12th 2020** to the Research Advisory Committee of the School of Social Work (email materials to: mar104@pitt.edu and kap86@pitt.edu). Applications will be reviewed and scored by members of the Committee (see the list of committee members at the end of this announcement).

Award recipients will be announced **June 1st** (*Members of the Research Advisory Committee applying for the grant will recuse themselves from the grant review process*). And grants can **begin July 1st**. All applicants will receive copies of their scores on their project proposals, will have access to the minutes from the review meeting, and can ask questions regarding their individual review to the Research Advisory Committee chair.

After receiving the award, the applicant will work with Kathy Ann Papciak on post-award processes.

Following the Completion

Following the completion of the project the award recipient will be asked to give a 10-15 minute presentation on the project in the School of Social Work faculty meeting most closely following the completion of the grant. Recipients will also be required to provide a 1-2 page (1.5 spacing, 0.5 inch margins) report on the use of the funds at the closing of the project to the Research Advisory Committee and the Dean of the School of Social Work. Faculty will be encouraged to store the final report in the digital repository of the University of Pittsburgh, D-Scholarship



About Florence Stier

Florence Ray Stier (1917-2011) received her MSW from the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Social in 1941 and her PhD in Social Work from Columbia University in 1967. While in Pittsburgh, Stier was the head of a settlement house and in 1946 moved to Cleveland to be the executive secretary of the Welfare Federation Group Work Council. While there, she is credited with achievements in the field of juvenile delinquency, and improved inter-racial and inter-cultural relations.



In 1965, Stier joined the faculty of the University of Washington School Of Social Work where she taught and mentored students for 22 years. Stier developed the Community Organization track in the graduate social work program; it was noted in her University of Washington obituary that she was the only female faculty in this track for a time, and Stier was described as a “pioneer”. The national Council on Social Work Education has recognized Florence for her role as a mentor to social work students and graduates.

Research and Advisory Board Committee Members (Appointed)

Shaun Eack Ph.D, Associate Dean for Research and Chair

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Kathy Papciak, Research Grant Administrator

Past FLORENCE STIER RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

2017-2019 *Animal ownership in low-income households: Is there a relationship between human and animal food insecurity?, M. E. Rauktis.*

MSW graduates from 2018 & 2018 worked on the project and Hyunji Lee MSW current Doctoral Candidate.

FLORENCE STIER RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AWARD SCORING MATRIX

PROJECT TITLE:

Range	Score	Descriptor	Characteristics	Problem Definition *	Research Methods*	Project Team*	Project Relevance to social work*	Budget Justification inc student hiring*
High	1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses					
	2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses					
	3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses					
Medium	4	Very good	Strong with numerous minor weaknesses					
	5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness					
	6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses					
Low	7	Fair	Some strengths with at least one major weakness					
	8	Marginal	A few strengths but with a few major weaknesses					
	9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous weaknesses					

*Scored sections correspond to page 1, paragraph 5, points 1-5 of the "Applications and Process of Selection" section above.