

ILAIMH ANNOUNCES 2018 Dolores Norton Research Award

This award is presented each year to recognize a promising doctoral student or post-doctoral scholar in the field of infant and toddler social-emotional health, development, and intervention. The award honors Dolores Norton, known to most as “Dodie,” who is the Samuel Deutsch Professor Emerita at the School of Social Service Administration of the University of Chicago. Professor Norton has been a mentor to a generation of graduate students who learned from her the importance of early child development, the roles of community and culture in early child development, the principles of family support practice, and the ways research can inform practice. Dr. Norton devoted her research career to understanding children and families living in conditions of poverty and to understanding children and families through the complex lens of a systems ecological framework.

The award provides \$5,000 to support research on an open topic regarding: (1) social-emotional development or mental health during the zero to five age period; (2) behaviors, beliefs, and mental health of expectant parents or parents of young children; and/or (3) interventions for infants, young children, or families. The award is open to doctoral students or postdoctoral fellows enrolled in or affiliated with an educational or research institution in Illinois. Area of discipline is open.

Application procedure: To apply, please submit the following by the application deadline.

1. Application form (see next page)
2. Curriculum vita
3. Letter of recommendation from primary adviser that includes comments on feasibility and timeline of proposed project. The letter should be submitted directly to email address below.

Applications will be reviewed by the Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health Research Committee. The recipient will be chosen based on the quality of the study proposed and the potential for contribution to the scholarly literature and to practice. The award will be presented on October 19, 2018, at the ILAIMH Annual Conference (awardee will be notified in advance, and will be given complimentary registration for the conference, as well as a year’s membership in ILAIMH). Awardee will be expected to present a progress report after one year that indicates how he/she used the funds and the progress of the proposed project. Awardee is also expected to present on the project to the ILAIMH membership in a brief report in the ILAIMH newsletter.

Application deadline: All applications must be received by 5 pm (CT), September 7, 2018
Submit applications to: **David J. Bridgett, Ph.D., ILAIMH Research Committee Norton Award Chair,**
dbridgett1@niu.edu

Previous Awardees:

- 2017 Niyantri Ravindran. Project Title: *Maternal Dispositional Distress Reactivity, Physiological Regulation and Supportive Behavior: A Dynamic Approach*
- 2016 Jaclyn Saltzman. Project Title: *Bringing Emotion to the Table: Attachment, Self-Regulation, and Mealtime Interactions*
- 2015 Amanda Lossia. Project Title: *Stakeholder feedback on a novel intervention for preschool-age children with disruptive behavior problems: A thematic analysis.*
- 2015 Jacob Holzman. Project Title: *Examining Endogenous and Exogenous Factors that Alter Toddler’s Stress Responses to Social Situations.*
- 2014 Mariel Sparr. Project Title: *Participant Responsiveness in Home Visiting: A Missing Piece in the Puzzle of Evidence Based Programs and Implementation Science?*

DOLORES NORTON RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION

Applicant name:

Institution:

Adviser:

Program of study:

Degree sought:

I. Title:

II. Research goals (maximum ½ page):

III. Significance (maximum 1 page):

a. Specify:

- i. The contributions the research will make to knowledge about the socioemotional development or mental health of children or the behavior or mental health of their families in the birth-to-five period.
- ii. The potential implications of the research for practice or applied settings.
- iii. What is innovative about the proposed research?

IV. Methods (maximum 4 pages):

- a. Participants
 - i. Include recruitment procedures
- b. Measures
- c. Procedures
- d. Proposed data analytic plan
- e. Timeline of research: Specify (use of a timeline chart is encouraged)
 - i. IRB approval: date or anticipated date
 - ii. Start date or anticipated start date for data collection
 - iii. Anticipated date for completion of data collection
 - iv. Expected length of time to final completion

V. References

VI. Proposed budget and budget justification: please note that funds may not be used to pay for applicant living expenses, applicant salary or stipend, tuition, or conference travel (maximum 1 page).

- a. **Examples of budget headings:** Equipment, Participant Incentives, Travel (e.g., for data collection or training), Personnel (e.g., research assistants).

VII. Other sources of funding for this project (pending or approved).