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Graduate Minority Scholarship Program in Public Health

The Connecticut Health Foundation and Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) are offering scholarships for two students from underrepresented minority groups to complete a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. The purpose of the Graduate Minority Scholarship Program is to provide financial support to minority students in order to increase representation of minority professionals in public health and contribute to the elimination of health disparities in Connecticut. The MPH program at SCSU has been accredited Council on Education for Public Health, an independent agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit public health programs.

The scholarships are intended for part-time enrollment over three academic years beginning Fall 2009 and will cover the costs of tuition, fees, and other expenses up to \$8,300 annually. Funding is also available for students to participate in a limited number of local and national professional public health conferences. All classes are held in the evening in New Haven and part-time students attend classes once a week.

Recipients of the scholarship will be expected to focus some of their course work on the study of health disparities. This focus may be achieved through several venues including, the required internship, thesis or special project, and registration for a 3-credit independent study. A faculty member(s), who specializes in health disparities research, will provide mentoring and guide the program of study.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Meet the admission requirements of the Master in Public Health (MPH) Program
 - A minimum of a cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 as indicated on the transcripts submitted.
 - Admission requirements and procedures are described in our website (www.Southernct.edu/Public_Health/)
- Submit, in addition to the MPH Program admission requirements, a 500-word essay explaining their interest in health disparities and how they intend to use an MPH degree to help contribute to the elimination of health disparities.
- Have at least 1 year of work experience in a health-related field
- Be employed in a health-related agency
 - Agency must not provide tuition reimbursement
 - A certification from the agency attesting that they do not provide tuition reimbursement is required.
- Be willing to complete the degree on a part-time basis over a three-year period.

The application deadline is March 30. Awards will be made on April 30.

Additional information regarding the scholarship program can be obtained from Dr. Christine Unson, Program Director, at unsonc1@southernct.edu or at (203) 392-7029.