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*Scholarship Awards for Continuing Students*

### **Anne Miller-Quimper Memorial Award**

The Anne Miller-Quimper Scholarship Award was established in 1991 by friends and family in memory of Anne Miller-Quimper (1940-1980), an alumnus of the school psychology program, to support thesis and dissertation research of school psychology students.

Project criteria: A study that involves working with children from birth to age 5, children or youth from diverse ethnic, racial, or low-income backgrounds, or studies involving students with low-incidence disabilities. Proposal in other areas that have a high probability of being published can be considered. The award is for empirical research and not for opinion-based papers, theoretical position papers, nor for support of studies involving existing data sets. Rather, it is for assessment or interventions that require careful and systematic objective data collection in a prospective manner. Proposals that appear to lead to publishable studies receive priority.

Eligibility:

- Graduate student in School Psychology
- Application deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>

Required application materials:

- Brief description of the research project including the rationale and purpose, the population and setting to be targeted, the methodology and analyses.

### **Alphonsus P Niec Ed.D., Memorial Award for Applied Research in Child and Family Intervention**

Dr. Alphonsus P Niec (1942-2012) was a psychologist and an educator who saw the potential of each child to succeed. Through research, teaching and community service, Dr. Niec sought to enhance the lives of children who were at risk for school failure, peer and parent conflict, or delinquency. Dr. Niec continuously sought to foster a love of learning in others and to raise awareness of the needs of underserved children and families. This memorial award in his name is meant to further his legacy by supporting graduate student research projects designed to make a positive impact on the lives of at-risk children and families, and maximizing the potential of qualified graduate students to succeed in their research.

Eligibility:

- Graduate student enrolled within the realm of human services or social and behavioral sciences (e.g., clinical psychology, school psychology, education) at Central Michigan University
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.70
- Engaged in research likely to have a positive impact on the lives of at-risk children and families in at least one of the following domains: behavioral functioning, emotional or relationship functioning, or school adjustment/achievement.

Project Criteria:

- Be supported by a faculty research advisor in the field
- Focus on children 17 years-of-age or younger
- Applied research, meaning, it must have the potential to make a direct impact on the functioning of children and families. Examples of applied research studies include an evaluation of an HIV prevention program for gang-involved teenagers or the testing of a dissemination strategy for a parenting intervention.



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- Basic research will not be supported by the award. Examples of basic research include a study of the development of children's reading skills or a study comparing the problem-solving abilities of children with and without behavior problems

Required application materials:

- "Unofficial transcript" from the Registrar's office.
- A brief description of the research project including the rationale and purpose, the population and setting to be targeted, the methodology and analyses. (Maximum 3 pages)
- An explanation of how your project could feasibly be transported to other settings (e.g., from university to community). (Maximum 1 page)
- A description of your career goals (e.g., how do you intend to use your degree?) (Maximum 1 page)
- Letter of recommendation from the research advisor who is supervising your project. The letter should be sealed and address the student's ability to successfully complete the project and the potential impact of the project on the lives of at-risk children and families.

### **Carl and Sharon Johnson Scholarship**

Established in 2019 by Carl Merle Johnson and Sharon Bradley-Johnson, both retired Central Michigan University Psychology Professors. The award will support a non-renewable scholarship for at least one undergraduate student annually. Recipients will be enrolled in a qualifying major or minor within the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences' Department of Psychology. Recipients will be pursuing the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) curriculum, and will have at least half of the curriculum completed.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate student enrolled in a major or minor in the Department of Psychology
- Pursuing the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) curriculum with 50% of the curriculum completed
- Application deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>

### **D. Louise Sharp Memorial Fund**

This scholarship was established in 1993 by family and friends of D. Louise Sharp. Louise was a professor of Psychology and the Dean of Women at CMU from 1940-1966. Her many responsibilities also included advisor to Student Senate, Associated Women Students Organization, Panhellenic Council and Chairperson of the Student Social Activities Committee. She was elected President of the Michigan State Association of Deans and Counselors and was active in the American Association of University Women. Louise was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi honorariums, and was listed in "Who's Who of American Women" and "Who's Who in American Education." Her book, *Why Teach?* was in its sixth printing and was selected by the United States Information Agency for its overseas program. Dr. Sharp was among 20 women honored at CMU in the Women's Studies Project for the Centennial exhibit and publication entitled *She Made A Difference*. Louise passed away in 1993.

Eligibility

- Qualified recipients must be pursuing a major in Psychology.
- Qualified recipients must be Undergraduate students.
- Application deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>



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### **Dr. Angela Freymuth Caveney Dissertation Endowment**

Established in 2020 by Dr. Angela Freymuth Caveney '96, '98, '02 and Mr. Forest Caveney in the Department of Psychology within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Award will be used to facilitate graduate research in clinical psychology and behavioral neuroscience by providing funding for dissertation research.

Eligibility:

- Graduate students in good standing within either the clinical psychology or behavioral neuroscience programs and admitted to doctoral candidacy
- Candidates must have a dissertation proposal that has been approved by the full dissertation committee.

### **Dr. George Ronan Research Fellowship**

This scholarship was established in 2022 by family, friends, and peers of Dr. Ronan. The award honors Dr. George Ronan, a CMU Professor who led the establishment of the clinical psychology Ph.D. program. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1972-1975, he earned his Ph.D. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1985. In 1989 he accepted a faculty appointment at Central Michigan University where he spent the remainder of his career. Dr. George Ronan joined the clinical psychology Psy.D. Program in 1989. He participated in the first successful APA CoA program site visit in 1990. He served as the Director of the Psychological Training and Consultation Center (PTCC) from 1995 thru 1999 and was instrumental in transitioning the PTCC from Sloan Hall to the Carls Center for Clinical Care and Education. He subsequently served as Director of Clinical Training (1999 to 2005) and spearheaded the transition of the clinical program from an APA-accredited Psy.D. to an APA-accredited Ph.D. Program, graduating the first Ph.D. student in 2000. George's research primarily focused on the assessment and application of social problem-solving skills within a variety of clinical contexts. For many years clinical students rotated through his applied research lab that focused on violence reduction and provided clinical services to people court-ordered to participate in a Violence Reduction Protocol. He co-authored books, book chapters, and manuscripts, as well as supervised dozens of student theses and dissertations, primarily stemming from his research on aggression, violence, and other areas of problem-solving.

His mentees have had successful careers as psychologists and faculty at institutions around the country. Many have settled in communities around Michigan where quality mental health services would otherwise be difficult if not impossible to reach.

George and his wife Donna also co-owned Ronan Psychological Associates, a group private practice they opened in 2003. George was very active in his professional life. He was known for the vision, energy, and enthusiasm he brought to CMU, and garnered the esteem of his colleagues and students. George passed away in 2023.

Eligibility

- Enrollment in Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program
- Minimum GPA of 3.0



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### **James and Catherine Steinmetz Graduate Scholarship**

The James and Catherine Steinmetz Graduate Scholarship was established by Joseph E. and Sandra S. Steinmetz in honor of Joseph's parents. Joseph E. Steinmetz, Ph.D., earned a B.S. in Psychology (1977) and an M.S. in Experimental Psychology (1979) from Central Michigan University. He has held numerous faculty and administrator appointments, including executive vice president and provost at Ohio State University and, chancellor of the University of Arkansas (2016-2021).

Eligibility:

- Graduate student in experimental psychology, studying neuroscience, within the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
- Abstract of current research

### **Joanna M. Russ Memorial Undergraduate Research and Presentation Grant**

Established in 2004 by family and friends of Joanna M. Russ, the income from this endowment will be used to support a research and presentation grant. Income may be used for expenses related to research and/or travel to present the results of the student's research. Priority will be given to research related to CHARGE syndrome, but other research topics that qualify are autism, autism spectrum disorder and low incidence disabilities such as deaf blindness.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate student enrolled at Central Michigan University
- Application deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Faculty supervision of research project
- One page summary of the project
- Project that falls within one of the following areas
  - Cause and nature of behavior difficulties in children with CHARGE syndrome
  - Educational, family, medical, social or other difficulties experienced by children with CHARGE syndrome or other genetic syndromes
  - Studies related to autism and autism spectrum disorder
  - Studies related to other low incident disabilities such as deaf blindness

### **Wilbert Wright Endowed Memorial Fund**

Established in 2001 by Geraldine Wright (Class of 1977) in memory of her husband Wilbert Wright, Ph.D., former member of the CMU Counseling Center staff.

Eligibility

- First generation college student with full-time enrollment status
- Junior or first semester senior status
- Majoring in Psychology
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Application deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>



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Choose the award(s) for which you would like to apply; please be certain that you meet the qualifications of all scholarships for which you are applying. If you do not meet the minimum qualifications, you may be ineligible.

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Name:

Student ID:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

G.P.A.:

Class standing:

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate

Major:

FAFSA on file with CMU:

Yes

No

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the information supplied on this application and authorize CMU to release information concerning this application, and/or an official transcript of my academic record to representatives of the scholarship selection committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date

This completed application with all supporting materials should be submitted electronically to [psy@cmich.edu](mailto:psy@cmich.edu) attention of Robin Decker. Please contact (989) 774-6461 with any questions.