Now accepting applications through January 19, 2022

The Center for Families (CFF) annual funding program supports the study of families from a cross-disciplinary, life course perspective. Faculty and students from all departments are encouraged to apply.

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The Center for Families provides a way for faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Purdue to work to improve the quality of life for families. We serve as a catalyst to integrate outreach, teaching, and research activities that support families. We increase and enhance collaboration among academic disciplines, professionals, policymakers, corporations, and community organizations to bring about change focused on families.
New this year, CFF has identified a research theme determined to be of timely, strategic significance to families. Faculty who choose to submit applications which incorporate this theme into their submission will receive preference in review. In honor of CFF’s 25th Anniversary Celebration, this year’s theme is, Celebrating Families: Leading the Way Forward. Submissions that represent work that is particularly innovative and moves the field forward will receive consideration.

Each year the Center for Families awards one faculty fellowship of up to $10,000 to support a research project or proposal. Preference will be given to CFF Faculty Partners, faculty who have not previously received CFF funding, or proposals that will lead to external funding affiliated with CFF.

Faculty fellowships are currently supported by the Robert O. And Zelma C. Swaim Memorial Fund.

A Burkhart Fellow will focus their research primarily on emerging family issues. Topics of particular interest include healthy family functioning; evolving family forms; and family disparities in educational, employment, or community settings. Lorene Burkhart, the founding donor of the Center for Families, is passionately committed to family well-being.

A Hancook Fellow will focus their research on maximizing the health, well-being, and development of adults as individuals, parents, and partners. Topics of particular interest include assessing and addressing community needs and investigating, promoting, and nurturing conditions that foster successful family functioning. Ann Hancook, former Associate Dean for Extension in the School of Consumer and Family Sciences, was a central figure in founding the Center for Families.

A Kontos Fellow will focus their research on optimizing the development of children and youth. Topics of particular interest include child care and early childhood education; the health and development of children and youth in challenging contexts; and the inclusion of disadvantaged or underrepresented children and youth in educational, employment, or community settings. Susan Kontos was the founding director of the Center for Families and an international authority in the field of early childhood education.

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This grant is given to faculty to fund student training and involvement in research. Funds can be used for student travel to research or training opportunities, or to provide stipends for undergraduate members of research teams. Faculty members apply on behalf of students. Up to two awards of $500 are given each year.

The Research Enhancement Grant is supported by the Bob L. and Joyce Beery Miles Research Fund.

2017-2018 Research Enhancement Grant was awarded to A.J. Schwichtenberg, PhD, Human Development and Family Studies, supporting Anne Nanninga, Psychological Sciences, Growing up with Dup15q and Angelmann Syndromes

**RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT GRANT ($500)**

**HOW TO APPLY**

All materials listed below must be combined into one file in PDF and submitted through the electronic CFF application process.

1. **Statement of Purpose** no longer than 3 double-spaced pages in which you:
   * Identify the goals of your proposed project
   * Explain how this project aligns with the opportunity you are applying for and how it will advance the work of the Center for Families
   * Provide a summary of your relevant experiences and qualifications for carrying out this project
2. **A Budget Justification or COEUS budget.** CFF Fellowship funds should not be allocated to indirect costs
3. **Curriculum Vitae**

*Faculty may apply for more than one award, but can receive only one. Preference will be given to CFF faculty partners, faculty who have not previously received CFF funding, proposals that will lead to external funding affiliated with the Center for Families, and/or proposals that incorporate the research theme, CELEBRATING FAMILIES: LEADING THE WAY FORWARD.*
The Burkhart Award recognizes outstanding family research being conducted by Purdue Faculty. Nominations are required for award consideration. All nominated articles will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers from the Center for Families including faculty partners and advisory council members. The award recipient will receive $500 and should plan to attend and be acknowledged at the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships Excellence in Research Awards and the CFF annual awards breakfast.

### Eligibility requirements:
- Article will represent outstanding family research
- Lead author must be faculty researcher at Purdue University
- Articles must be published work during the 2021 calendar year (may be published in print or in advance online)
- Articles must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal
- Articles must be empirical (both qualitative and quantitative methods are welcome, but narrative literature reviews are not eligible)
- Published work may be from any discipline, department, or college
- Researchers who have received the award within the past three years are not eligible
- Self-nominations are accepted

### BURKHART AWARD WINNERS

**2021**

**Family support and mental health of Latinx children in migrant farmworker families**  
Zoe Taylor  
Human Development and Family Studies

**2020**

**Parenting and prenatal risk as moderators of genetic influences on conduct problems during middle childhood**  
Kristine Marceau  
Human Development and Family Studies

**2019**

**“He would never let me just give up”: Communicatively Constructing Dyadic Resilience in the Experience of Breast Cancer**  
Maria Venetis  
Brian Lamb  
School of Communication

### HOW TO NOMINATE

Submit nominations to the 2022 Committee Chair, **Melissa Franks**: mfranks@purdue.edu  
Nominations must include:
- Cover letter indicating support for a given article as outstanding family research
- Electronic copy of the nominated article
- Contact information for the nominator and the lead author for the article
The Center for Families offers internships and research grants to students that allows them to engage in a program of scholarly activity of their own design, related to the focus of the grant. Student work must be supervised by a faculty member. Students may apply for more than one opportunity. Preference is given to those who have not been selected to receive other CFF funding and students who are advised by CFF faculty partners.

**CELEBRATING FAMILIES: LEADING THE WAY FORWARD**

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**FAMILY RESEARCH GRANT ($1,000)**

This grant is for students who will generate important new information about families.

*This grant is available thanks to the Robert O. And Zelma C. Swaim Memorial Fund.*

**JUSTICE FAMILY NUTRITION GRANT ($1,000)**

This grant is for students pursuing research on the quality of life for children and families, focusing on nutrition, and specifically diet or public policy.

*This grant is available thanks the Catherine L. Justice Trust.*

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**FEATURED GRANT RECIPIENTS**

- **2019**
  - Interdisciplinary Research Grant: Kaylin Hill, Psychological Sciences
  - **Identifying the Pathophysiology of Depression and its Permeability Across the Lifespan**

- **2017**
  - Justice Family Nutrition Grant: Breanne Wright, Nutrition Science
  - **Evaluating the effect of a community targeted intervention on the nutritional quality of the food pantry environment, and the diet quality and food security of food pantry clients**

- **2014**
  - Family Research Grant: Madisson Whitman, Anthropology
  - **Gender Variant Children and Their Families**
INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GRANT ($500)

The Interdisciplinary Research Grant is for students who have chosen a field of study that combines one or more academic disciplines with the study of the families. The work must be supervised by two faculty members in two different departments.

This Interdisciplinary Research Grant is supported by the Studorshka Interdisciplinary Research Endowment.

2020-21 Interdisciplinary Research Grant was awarded to Alyssa Obradovich, Brian Lamb School of Communication, Managing Privacy and Uncertainty in End-of-Life Communication. Pictured here with Travis Dorsch at the virtual 2021 Award Breakfast.

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2. Budget Justification (Describe how you will use the CFF funding to support your project goals)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Letter of support from the faculty member(s) who has agreed to supervise the project work
   (Interdisciplinary Research Grant applicants must provide at least two letters of support from faculty in two different departments)

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LEVIEN FAMILY POLICY SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP ($1000 + GRADUATE 59000 CREDIT)

Interns assist with planning and conducting research for the Indiana Family Impact Seminar and the Family Impact Institute. The seminar, which takes place annually in November, educates state legislators about the implications of policy issues for families.

Along with this internship, recipients will receive the Levien Scholarship, which was created to support students committed to fostering family values and bettering families.

Students must be in at least their second year of study to apply. Interns must register for 3-4 credits, with a minimum of 2 credits to be taken in the fall.

This scholarship is possible due to the generosity of Betty Levien Krejci.

HOW TO APPLY

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1. Statement of Purpose no longer than 2 double-spaced pages in which you:
   • Provide a summary of your relevant experiences and qualifications
   • Explain how this internship will support your future professional goals
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Letter of support from a faculty member(s) regarding applicant qualification

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PAST FAMILY IMPACT SEMINARS

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