

**California State University Los Angeles  
School of Social Work**

**HCAI Fellowship Application is NOW Open to YOU!**

The School of Social Work (SSW) is excited to open the call for application to recruit the first cohort of the HCAI Fellows who are passionate and committed to serving underprivileged individuals, families, and communities challenged by behavioral health issues.

Supported by the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) Social Work Education Capacity Expansion (SWECE) Grant Program, selected fellows will be awarded with the stipend amount of \$10,000 per academic year, pending meeting all the HCAI Fellowship requirements.

Please see the following details of the HCAI Fellowship information & Application Instructions.

**Who Can Apply?**

- Full-time MSW students entering in the Fall 2023 for the MSW 2-Yr program; and
- Enrolled in social work practicum focusing on behavioral health (mental health and or substance use)

**What is the HCAI Fellowship Award?**

- Stipend for those in behavioral health focused practicum (\$10,000 per academic year).
- An effort to increase the behavioral health workforce upon graduation from the MSW program.

**What are the requirements to maintain the HCAI Fellow status?**

- Maintain a good academic standing, including practicum (GPA 3.0 or higher and pass Practicum-SW 5950A, SW 5950B, SW 5950C, and SW 5950D).
- Meet and complete all the stipend requirements including training and related events.
- Be in a behavioral practicum setting during the entire MSW program.
- Make and demonstrate a commitment to work in behavioral social work practice settings upon graduating from the Cal State LA MSW program.
- Complete thesis / project in the areas of behavioral health (i.e., mental health and or substance use).
- Must take two elective courses directly relating to behavioral health as the required elective course (SW 5802: Empowerment and Recovery in Mental Health and SW 5804: Trauma, Substance Abuse & Violence)

**How do I apply for the HCAI Fellowship?**

- Complete a short application on-line: Answer a few questions in the application and upload your resume. Application site opens on June 19, 2023 (12:00 AM, PST) and closes on Friday, July 7, 2023 (11:59 PM, PST). [Go to the next page for the application instructions.](#)
- Applications will be reviewed and the top 25% of candidates will be invited for interviews. [Tentative interview schedules: Tuesday, July 18; Wednesday, July 19; & Thursdays, July 20, 2023.]

**Whom can I contact if I have questions?**

*The HCAI Fellowship Application*, please contact Ga-Young Choi, Ph.D., Professor & HCAI SWECE Project Coordinator ([gchoi11@calstatela.edu](mailto:gchoi11@calstatela.edu)).

*The MSW Practicum within the HCAI Fellowship Program*, please contact Hermila Melero, LCSW, The Director of the Social Work Practicum Education ([hmelero2@calstatela.edu](mailto:hmelero2@calstatela.edu)).

***We look forward to hearing from many of you!***

***HCAI SWECE Team***

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To begin your application either click the link or scan the QR code below.

Click: [HCAI Fellowship Application](#)



**NOTE:** Once you start the application, your responses will be automatically saved. You may return to the application *within 72 hours*. After this time limit or once the deadline is reached, you cannot access your application: You will have to restart the application process from the beginning (if the deadline has not passed).

Multiple application submissions are prohibited.  
Only complete applications will be reviewed.

**TIP:** We recommend applicants to have their responses for the following questions and resume (in PDF) ready before entering the application site.

- ♣ Please share why you are interested in working in unserved or underserved communities, and with populations such as the unhoused and dual diagnosed clients? (Max 1600 characters with spaces/ approximately 250 words)
- ♣ Please briefly share your experiences working with children and youth (up to 25 years) and/or their family members regarding behavioral health issues (mental health & substance use). Max 1600 characters with spaces/ approximately 250 words)