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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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# BAS-KNORR FAMILY EDUCATION GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP 2012-2013

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### *History of the Fellowship*

This graduate fellowship is due to the commitment and generosity of Dr. Amy Jean Holmblade Knorr, whose gift to the University of Minnesota for fellowships for Family Education graduate students provides this fellowship. Dr. Knorr established this fellowship in 1997 in appreciation of her University experiences and her belief in the importance of the field of Family Education. She values the stimulation that teachers, colleagues and students provided to make her Minnesota years significant in her professional and personal development. In establishing this fellowship, Dr. Knorr also wanted to pay tribute to those who meant a great deal to her in her work at the University of Minnesota, both as a graduate student herself, and later in her role on the faculty, and throughout her career. The “B” in the BAS-Knorr fellowship name pays tribute to Dr. Marjorie Brown, a colleague during Dr. Knorr’s tenure at the University of Minnesota. The “A” pays tribute to Dr. Clara Brown Army, who was Dr. Knorr’s University of Minnesota Master’s Degree advisor. The “S” pays tribute to the many students Dr. Knorr worked with in classes she taught and those she advised. They were, in Dr. Knorr’s words, were both challenging and supportive in her teaching.

Professor Knorr received her B.S. from Michigan State University in 1938. She came to the University of Minnesota in 1943 for her graduate studies, completing her Master of Science degree in 1945. In 1946 she accepted a faculty position as at Michigan State University where she taught undergraduate and graduate level courses, and developed an in-service program for teachers who served as supervisors for the University’s student teachers. She completed her Ph.D. in 1954 and joined the University of Minnesota faculty as an Associate Professor in 1956. Shortly after her promotion to full professor in 1962, she married Dr. Philip Knorr and continued her professorial career on the faculty of the University of Arizona until her retirement in 1983.

Professor Knorr’s interest in curriculum theory and development spanned her career. In addition to her teaching in this area, she also worked as a curriculum development consultant and continued to teach curriculum theory even after her retirement. She was also interested in critical thinking and did research and writing focused on “reasoning and acting on practical problems of home and family.”

## ***2012-13 Fellowship***

One 9-month, \$10,000 graduate fellowship will be awarded for the 2012-13 academic year.

### ***Purpose***

This fellowship is intended to provide support for an outstanding new Family Education graduate student pursuing a Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Family Education.

### ***Selection Criteria***

All individuals admissible to an M.A. or Ph.D. degree program with an emphasis in Family Education who are applying, or who plan to apply, for admission Summer or Fall of 2012 are eligible to apply. Consideration in the selection process will be given to academic achievement, leadership potential, professional goals, and experiences related to family education. Priority will be given to applicants for Fall 2012 who apply by the December 1, 2011 deadline.

### ***Application and Notification Procedures***

The application consists of (1) a cover letter including name, address, and phone number; (2) a typed double-spaced statement (maximum of two pages) summarizing professional goals and experiences related to family education and academic achievements that pertain to being a family educator; (3) transcripts of all higher education academic work; (4) GRE scores; and (5) one letter of recommendation addressing leadership potential. Applications for this fellowship must be submitted with the application for Graduate School Admission.

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The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator. The Family Education Program specifically invites and encourages applications from all groups underrepresented in Family Education.