

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE GRADUATE
FELLOWSHIP FOR PARENT EDUCATION
2011-2012



History of the Fellowship

This graduate fellowship is provided by Dr. Jean Illsley Clarke and reflects her commitment to parent education practice, research and program development.

Jean Illsley Clarke holds a Master of Arts degree in Human Development and a Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics Education from the University of Minnesota. The fellowship recognizes her connection to the University of Minnesota and her commitment to effective parenting through education, research and intervention. She has been awarded two honorary doctorates. The first is an Honorary Doctor of Human Services from Sierra University and the second is an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Concordia University, St. Paul. As part of the 2004 University of Minnesota Centennial, Jean was selected as one of the College of Education and Human Development's 100 Distinguished Alumni. She is a teaching and supervising member of the International Transactional Analysis Association and is a Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE, National Council on Family Relations). She has been awarded the International Eric Berne Memorial Award for Applied Transactional Analysis in Parent Education (1996) and the Larry Wilson Award (2001) from the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota. Her book on *Time-In: When Time-Out Doesn't Work* was recognized with a Parent's Choice Approved Seal in 1999. She serves on the Family Information Services National Panel of Advisors.

Jean Illsley Clarke is a nationally known author and designer of workshops on over-indulgence, self-esteem, child and adult development, family strengths and team building. She has keynoted conferences and given workshops across the U.S. and abroad, including in Iceland, England, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Russia. Her publications include the award winning *Self-Esteem: A Family Affair* (and leaders guide); *Who Me, Lead a Group? Parenting Our Children* (and leader's guide); the *Help! Series of books for Parents*; and *Connections: The Threads that Strengthen Families*. For the past several years her research has focused on overindulgence and is discussed in her most recent book, *How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible and Respectful Children – From Toddlers To Teens*.

2011-12 Fellowship

One 9-month, \$10,000 graduate fellowship will be awarded for the 2011-12 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 in the Family Education specialization within the Family, Youth, and Community program track. The student's research interest must clearly indicate a strong interest in research on and teaching and application of parent education theories and practice.

Selection Criteria

All individuals applying or planning to apply for admission to the M.A. or Ph.D. degree program with an emphasis in Parent Education within Family Education Fall of 2011 are eligible to apply for this fellowship. Consideration in the selection process will be given to academic achievement, leadership potential, professional goals, and experiences related to family education.

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 applicant's professional goals and experiences related to parent education and academic and professional achievements relevant to being a parent 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. For questions regarding the fellowship or the application process, contact Jessie Eastman at cigs@umn.edu.

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.