



**Dominican University – Graduate School of Social Work  
APPLICATION FOR DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY'S  
GSSW HARTFORD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN AGING 2008/2009  
(APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2008)**

**GSSW Hartford Fellowship Program in Aging**, funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City, prepares graduate social work students for competent, culturally sensitive practice in gerontological and geriatric social work. Fellowships are available during the semesters in which the student is enrolled in designated field practicum courses and placed in designated agencies. This program is unique because it uses a rotational model for internships to provide students with a range of experiences across different settings and aging populations.

- Students will typically rotate through two to five aging agencies during the two semester long internship.
- In addition to the agency work, GSSW Hartford Fellows will be shadowed by undergraduates who have an interest in gerontology.
- Monthly seminars on special topics on aging will be held during the field classes (on Tuesdays 4:30pm – 5:45pm) with experienced professionals in the field of geriatric social work. These seminars may be held in agencies who are consortium partners.
- Mentors will be assigned in all internships to support professional development and learning.

The number of fellowships available is **limited to 3 @ \$3000 for Fall 2008-Spring 2009**. Students will be selected for fellowships through a competitive application process administered by the Office of Field Education in collaboration with partners from the consortium of agencies that serve older adults. **The GSSW-Hartford Fellowship Program Consortium agencies include** Age Options, Casa Centrale, West Suburban Senior Services, PLOWs, North Shore Senior Service Center, Oakton Pavillion, Coalition for the Limited English Speaking (which consists of over 25 agencies in the Chicago area), Polish American Association, Center Home for Hispanic Elderly, just to name a few. We are also in the process of establishing contacts with potential partners in Lake County and more partners in the Chicago area.

**Eligibility:** All part-time or full-time students on field placements between Fall 2008-Spring 2009, including students on international placements who have an interest in gerontology.

**Students who have obtained Kott Scholarships will not be eligible to apply for this program.**

You also do not need to have prior professional or volunteer or internship experience with older adults to be eligible for the program.

**Amount of Fellowship:** Students will receive **\$3,000 per academic year** for the successful completion of the internship in the assigned agencies.

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**How to Apply:** Current students will request for an application from Jesse Munoz, the Field Director or Adrian Kok, Associate Professor, GSSW or Martha Jacob, Coordinator Gerontology Specialization, Sociology Department.

Incoming students who are starting the MSW program should request and turn in the application form to the Assistant Dean of Recruitment, Admissions, and Marketing, Felicia L. Townsend. All completed application forms from current students should be submitted to Adrian Kok.

**Applications will be accepted as early as March and will be processed until end of June.**

Candidates who have been selected for the program will be announced in early July. Application deadlines, along with instructions, will be included with the application. You may be interviewed by the selection committee and featured in our newsletter and website if you are a successful applicant.

**Resources:** GSSW at Dominican University is one of the 67 MSW schools in the country to receive a grant to implement a unique rotational model across aging agencies. The goal is to provide more learning opportunities and to train future social workers to have the knowledge, skills, and values to work with the older adult population in the future. The objective is to increase MSW students' competencies to work with an increasingly older adult population across a variety of needs, settings, and issues at the micro, mezzo, and macro level. The Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education (HPPAE) is a national initiative, funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation and managed by the New York Academy of Medicine's Social Work Leadership Institute that seeks to develop leaders in the field of Aging and Social Work. For more information, please check out <http://www.socialworkleadership.org> and <http://www.myspace.com/swli>

**Contact:**

**For current students**

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**For incoming students**

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Return 1) **completed application** , 2) **one copy of your resume**, and 3) **up-to-date transcript of coursework** to: Adrian Kok (for current students) or Felicia L. Townsend (for incoming students). **Application deadline is June 1, 2008** for students starting their internships in Fall 2008. The application is open to all students who are either in the first or second internships. Students who have been awarded Kott Scholarships are not eligible to participate in this program. Your application will be screened by consortium partners from aging agencies, together with Martha Jacob from the Sociology Department. 3 scholarships @ \$3000 will be offered to successful candidates for interning in older adult agencies with our consortium partners for two semesters, FA 2008 & SP 2009 using a rotational model. An appropriate assessment will be made to match your learning interests with the agency's needs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your current student status:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for the MSW program ( \_\_\_ Full time; \_\_\_ Part time)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am applying for the MSW Advanced Standing Program ( \_\_\_ Full-time; \_\_\_ Part-time)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am currently in the MSW program ( \_\_\_ Full time; \_\_\_ Part time)

Is the internship in Fall 2008 your first or second internship? First Year / Second Year (Circle one)

How did you hear about the GSSW Hartford Fellowship Program in Aging? \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly address the following questions on a separate page (one paragraph per question)

1. *What are your career goals? Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?*
2. *What would you like to gain from an internship with older adults? What would you like to learn?*
3. *What, if any, are your demonstrated work and/or volunteer and/or internship experiences with older adults?*
4. *Assess how well you are able to adapt to change.*

***For those entering the advanced or second year, please provide us with the name of your first year field instructor or other social work supervisor as a reference.\*\****

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Position

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number

To be considered for the GSSW Hartford Fellowship Program in Aging, you must be in good standing in the MSW program. **(By signing below, you give us permission to contact your reference, access your student file and/or faculty and share information about your background with project staff and potential field instructors with the Fellowship Program.)**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_