

***Russell and Josephine Kott Memorial Charitable Trust
Gerontology Scholars Program***

Consortium Agencies

Aging Care Connections
111 W. Harris Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60525

DuPage County Senior Services
JTK Administration Building
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

PLOWS Council on Aging
7808 College Drive - #5E
Palos Heights, IL 60463

North Shore Senior Center
161 Northfield Road
Northfield, IL 60093

West Suburban Senior Services
439 Bohland Avenue
Bellwood, IL 60104

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Dear University Colleague:

The application process has begun for advanced graduate student internships through the Kott Gerontology Scholars Program for 2012-2013. **Completed on-line applications will be reviewed in the order that they are received until April 1, 2012. Applications received after this date will be considered only if internships are not filled by applicants from the original deadline. Applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible for timely consideration and internship planning.** Internships will be awarded during April and May.

Administered through a grant to West Suburban Senior Services, the Russell and Josephine Kott Memorial Charitable Trust offers full-year scholarships to advanced graduate students in social work, counseling, law, psychology, art therapy, occupational therapy and other professions who have a career interest in gerontology. The consortium of agencies currently participating in the program includes:

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Although the consortium agencies are similar, no single agency offers a full range of community-based geriatric services. Among the many services offered by the agencies are case management, adult day care, senior protective services, home delivered meals, homemakers, caregiver support, counseling and information and referral. All agencies in the consortium have been designated by the Illinois Department on Aging as Case Coordination Units, and four of the agencies are Elder Abuse Provider Agencies in their service areas.

The Kott Gerontology Scholars Program attracts graduate students who have an interest in pursuing careers in gerontology. Criteria for consideration for internships include a demonstrated interest in gerontology as a career track, completion of basic training in the respective professions, and faculty recommendations. Prospective interns are required to submit an on-line application with a resume, provide at least two professional recommendations, and participate in an in-person interview with coordinators from consortium agencies.

Included with this letter are a brief description of the Kott Gerontology Scholars Program and application guidelines, and an application, both for distribution to interested students. Applications are also available through the internet at www.kotttrust.org and kottscholars@gmail.com. Each agency in the consortium has a web site containing information on its specific programs and services. **If you or your students have additional questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact me, not consortium agencies, at kottscholars@gmail.com.**

Thank you for your assistance in identifying prospective 2012-2013 Kott Scholars.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin S. Friedman, Ph.D.
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