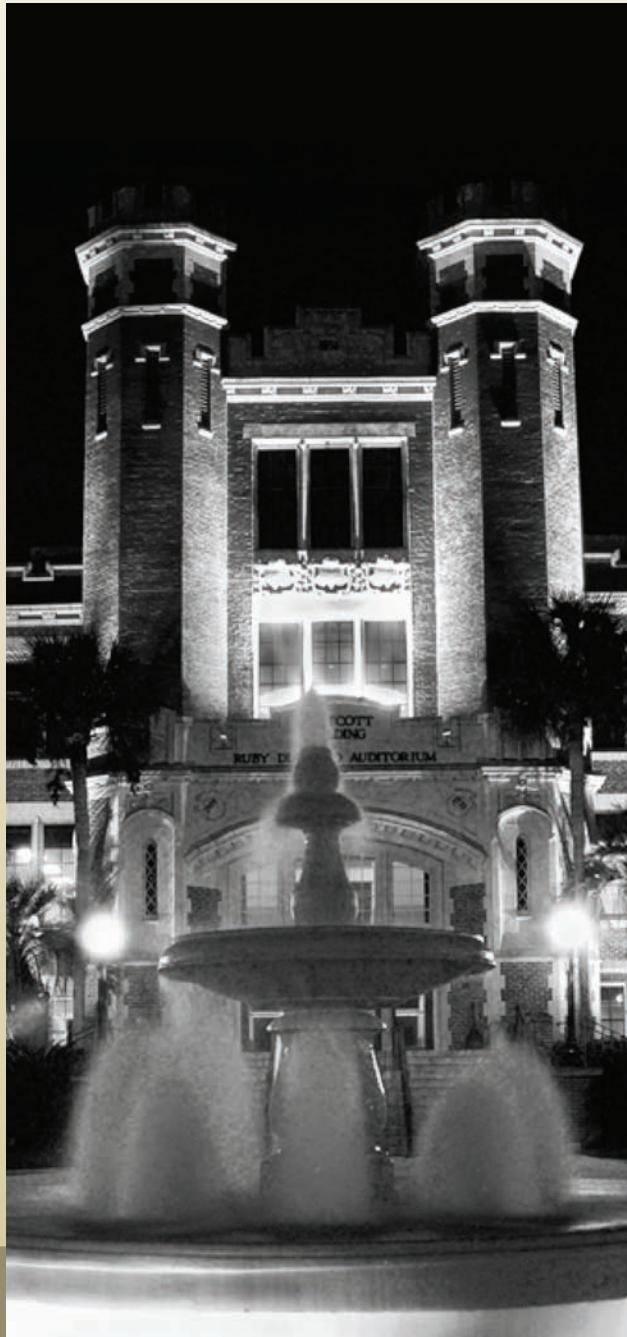


FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK



**DOCTORAL PROGRAM BULLETIN
2016-2017**

Change a Life. Start with Yours.



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead

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Calendar 2016-2017

Fall 2016

Classes Begin August 24

Semester Ends December 11

Spring 2017

Classes Begin January 9

Spring Break March 13-17

Semester Ends May 5

Summer 2016 Classes

Begin May 15 Session A

ends August 4

Fall 2017

Classes Begin August 28

Semester Ends December 15



The College, University and Community

THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

The College of Social Work's tradition of excellence started with the introduction of social welfare into FSU's curriculum in 1926 by Dr. Raymond Bellamy, professor of sociology. Our fully-accredited program was the first in Florida and remains one of the longest standing in the Southeast. U.S. News and World Report ranks the FSU College of Social Work as among the top in the country. The College of Social Work adheres to accreditation standards established by the Council on Social Work Education.

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Florida State University College of Social Work to provide quality educational services at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels that prepare professional social workers to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of diverse populations with particular attention to the empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, or living in poverty. The College of Social Work also has as its purpose to contribute to the knowledge base that supports social work practice and social policy development and to provide leadership through community service at the local, state, national and international level.

THE UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY

The Florida State University is a major research and teaching university comprised of 17 colleges, serving a student population of more than 41,000. The University maintains an intellectual climate of learning and strives for excellence and distinction in all pursuits. In the last few years, the University has reached a high level of distinction, thanks to its dedication to graduate study and research, and to its superior teaching faculty and student bodies.

Nestled in Tallahassee, Florida's state capital, the University enjoys the extraordinarily rich cultural climate created by the presence of state and local government, a community college and a second major university. Along with the beauty of the "Big Bend" area, Tallahassee is in close proximity to a wealth of Florida's resources including the Gulf of Mexico, the Apalachicola National Forest and natural recreation areas.

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Florida State University College of Social Work Doctoral Program is a full-time doctoral program located on FSU's main campus in Tallahassee, Florida.



Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work

PROGRAM MISSION & GOALS

It is the specific mission of the FSU Doctoral Program to develop social work scholars and leaders in research and education who use systematic methods of inquiry and reasoned argument to advance knowledge.

- It is the primary goal of the FSU Doctoral Program to offer courses and opportunities for experiential learning in systematic methods of inquiry that are sequentially integrated and foster independent capabilities in research and scholarship.
- Additionally, it is the goal of the FSU Doctoral Program to offer courses and opportunities for experience learning in adult pedagogy that are sequentially integrated and foster independent capabilities in course conceptualization and instruction.

To achieve these goals, the Doctoral Program will hold students to the academic and professional standards and expectations stipulated by the University, the National Association of Social Workers (e.g. NASW Code of Ethics), and the Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE).

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Course Work

- Methods and Theory Courses: Nine (9) courses are required.

- Social Work Research Methods Selective Courses: Three (3) courses are offered.
- Statistics Courses: Three (3) statistics courses are required.
- Cognates: Substantive graduate courses taken outside of social work related to the student's research interests (e.g. mental health, criminology).

Research Practicum

- The research practicum provides a one on one experiential learning opportunity to conduct research with a faculty member.

Teaching Seminar & Practicum

- The teaching seminar and practicum is an experiential learning opportunity to develop teaching skills with a teaching mentor.

Preliminary Examination

- The preliminary examination tests scholarly competence and knowledge upon completion of coursework (prior to dissertation).

Dissertation

- The prospectus defines the scope of your dissertation research and plans to carry out the study.
- A dissertation consists of original research constituting a significant contribution to knowledge and representative of a substantial scholarly effort.
- The oral defense marks the completion of the dissertation process



Admissions

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Official Graduate Records Examination (GRE) taken within the previous five (5) years.

(Visit the GRE website www.ets.org/gre for more information, including registration information.)

GRE Minimums:

- Verbal - 153 / 500
- Quantitative - 146 / 550
- Master's in Social Work with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 from a graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- "Good standing" status at the last school attended
- For International Applicants, including those with a graduate degree from a U.S. University evidence of English language proficiency is required as demonstrated by acceptable scores on the TOEFL or the IELTS. Please see the CSW website for minimum score required..

Only applicants whose qualifications fit these minimum requirements and who have complete application files by the deadline will be considered for admission. If you meet or exceed these requirements, we encourage you to complete the application

process; however, please keep in mind that meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission, only admission consideration. The admissions process is limited and competitive.

DEADLINES FOR COMPLETE APPLICATIONS:

DEADLINE: JANUARY 15

**All application materials must be submitted by the deadline.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

An application for admission should be completed online (available at <https://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp/>).

The application requirements are:

1. Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - Your resume or CV should provide your education; substantive areas of expertise or interest; professional positions, publications and presentations; research experience, grant awards, etc.; teaching experience; professional affiliations, honors, awards, and service.
2. Personal statement
 - Your personal statement should describe your professional goals, what led to your decision to undertake doctoral studies in social work at FSU, and what research interests you would

like to pursue in the doctoral program.

3. Writing sample

- Your writing may be a professional report, graduate paper or a publication.

4. Letters of Reference (minimum of three)

- Three academic references or two academic references and one professional reference are required.

5. Official Undergraduate & graduate transcripts

6. Official GRE report

- For GRE scores: If you selected FSU as an institution (code 5219) to receive your score report that will suffice.

7. Official TOEFL or IELTS scores (for International Students only).

Transcripts, GRE scores, and TOEFL/IELTS scores (if required) should be submitted to University Graduate Admissions at the following address:

*Florida State University
Graduate Admissions
PO Box 3062400
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-2400*

The College of Social Work's doctoral faculty review completed application materials. Applications must be received by February 1st for fall admission. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applicants will receive admissions decisions from the Doctoral Program Director by mail.

For more detailed information about the application process view the "Doctoral Program Admissions Toolkit." Find this and the application at:

<http://csw.fsu.edu/academics/doctoral-program/admissions-information/>

TRANSFER CREDITS

Transfer credit decisions are made on a case by case basis and depend on how recently the course work was completed, and on its relevance to the student's doctoral program in social work. Transfer credits will not be given for courses completed in receipt of another degree. A maximum of 12 graduate credits may be transferred, and these must have been earned at an accredited institution or program and resulted in a grade of "B" or better. The Doctoral Program Director and the Office of Records and Registration will be responsible for determining whether credits can be transferred.





Financial Support

ASSISTANTSHIPS

The College of Social Work Doctoral Program provides funding to all students for the first three calendar years of their education (from the beginning of the fall semester of the first year through the end of the summer semester of the third year). During this time, the College pays for up to twelve (12) credit hours of students' tuition during the academic year and up to nine (9) credit hours in the summer, and provides an assistantship of \$17,500 per year. Continued funding of the stipend at the level offer is determined on an annual basis. The College aids students in obtaining scholarships, fellowships, and dissertation funding. After the third year of funding, by their third year in the program, students may be eligible to teach independently and can be hired to teach courses while they finish their dissertation work.

FINANCIAL PACKAGES:

In-State Students (first 3 years): \$28,000 /per year

Out-of-State Students (first year only): \$48,000

International Students (first 3 years): \$48,000 /per year

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Social Work awards numerous scholarships to incoming and current doctoral students each year. The complete list of the College's doctoral program funding opportunities online at csw.fsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Doctoral-Program-Financial-Support.pdf.

The following highlights a few of these scholarships:

- **The Dianne F. Harrison Scholarship Best Dissertation Prospectus** is warded annually to a doctoral candidate at the College of Social Work for authoring the "Best Dissertation Prospectus."
- **The Walter W. Hudson Doctoral Scholarship** honors Dr. Walter Hudson, a former faculty member who was named the first recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Social Work and Research in 1999.
- **The Robert P. Hurrel Doctoral Scholarship** is awarded annually to an incoming full-time doctoral student. Priority is given to students who are interested in the special needs of the aged or those in the U.S. military. Recipients are selected by the doctoral program director.

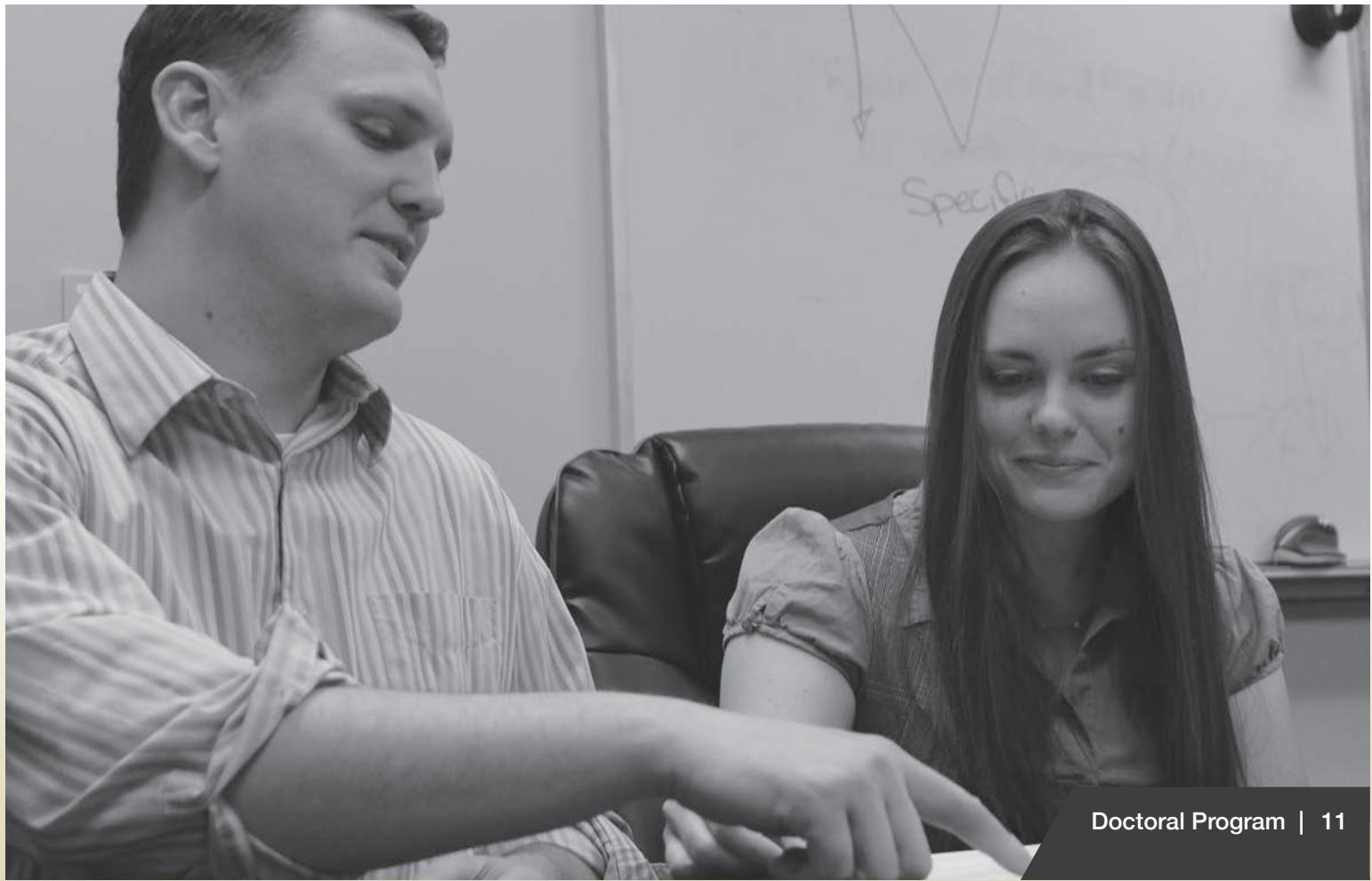
FSU GRADUATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Florida State University Graduate School offers several scholarships and fellowships with generous support for doctoral students. Many social work doctoral students have been awarded these scholarships. To view all the funding opportunities for graduation students at Florida State, visit gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards/.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Doctoral students can apply for funding (e.g., grants, fellowships, scholarships, research awards) outside of FSU to support their coursework and their dissertation studies. Students typically work with their major professors to pursue these opportunities with the support of the College's Institute for Social Work Research staff. Examples of these funding sources can be found on the College's Financial Assistance web page csw.fsu.edu/academics/financial-assistance/.

College of Social Work Financial Assistance:
csw.fsu.edu/academics/financial-assistance/





Doctoral Faculty

For more information on faculty, visit the College's online directory (csw.fsu.edu/about-csw/directory/) to access individual faculty member profiles.

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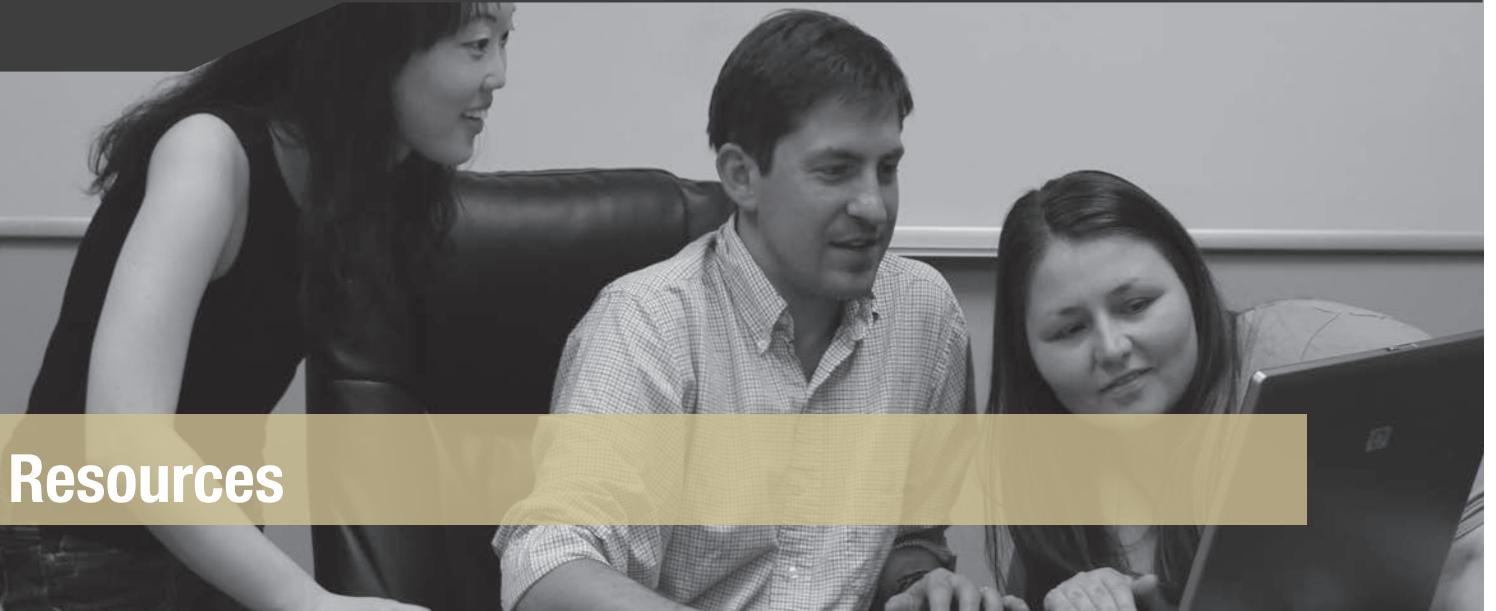
Associate Professor

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Resources

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES

- **College of Social Work website:** csw.fsu.edu
- **College of Social Work Doctoral Program:** csw.fsu.edu/academics/doctoral-program/ph-d-overview/
- **Doctoral Program Handbook:**
<http://csw.fsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014-2015-CSW-Doctoral-Handbook.pdf>
- **College of Social Work Financial Assistance:** csw.fsu.edu/academics/financial-assistance/

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **FSU Graduate Admissions:** admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp/
- **FSU Fellowships & Scholarships:** gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards/Graduate-School-Fellowships-and-Grants
- **FSU Financial Aid Office:** financialaid.fsu.edu/
- **Loan Forgiveness Programs:** www.socialworkers.org/loanforgiveness/default.asp