

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

*Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE)*

### **2012 GADE Student Award for Leadership and Service**

The GADE Student Award for Leadership and Service is given to a social work doctoral student, group of students, or doctoral student organization who, through on-going or time-limited actions, activities or project(s), have made significant contributions to excellence in doctoral education, including teaching and learning, community-building, and/or quality improvement. The Winner of the GADE Student Award for Leadership and Service will be provided a certificate and a \$1,000 award at a Student Leadership Award Breakfast at the annual CSWE APM Conference in Washington D.C.(November, 2012). In the case of student groups, the award of \$1,000 will be split equally among named students. Up to five student recipients also may claim up to \$500 each in travel costs for attending the conference by submitting receipts for reimbursement.

### **Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE)**

The Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE) was established over 25 years ago to provide a forum for sharing ideas and strategies among doctoral programs in social work, and for strengthening efforts at enhancing doctoral education. The membership, comprised of directors of established social work and social welfare doctoral programs located in accredited universities, has established this student award in hopes of fulfilling several purposes: recognizing student contributions, promoting interest in doctoral education in social work, and stimulating greater effectiveness in doctoral education. This award reflects a commitment to bring visibility to our greatest resource, our students, who provide us with professional purpose and continuously offer us new ways to think and grow.

### **Award Criteria**

- Significance of the activity or project for contributing to excellence in doctoral education, including its **level of innovation**.
- Evidence that the activity or project has resulted in **observable contributions to excellence** of a particular GADE member program, its larger University or community context, or to social work doctoral education in general, or is likely to do so.
- Extent to which the activity or project has produced **lasting, observable changes** with regard to one or more of the following: Teaching and learning, community-building, curriculum advancement, expansion or creation of supportive resources, or program quality improvement. Extent to which the activity or project, or its contributions, are likely to be sustained into the foreseeable future.
- Description of the **evaluation component** that provided evidence of the observable contributions to excellence.

## Eligibility Criteria

- An application may be submitted by an individual, a collaborative group of students, or a doctoral student organization.
- At least one applicant must currently be enrolled in a social work doctoral program that holds an active membership in GADE.
- The leadership and service activities must have been initiated while each applicant was enrolled as a doctoral student, and may be ongoing or time-limited.
- More than one application may be submitted from one doctoral program.

## Nomination Procedures

***Deadline for Application: JUNE 1, 2012***

***Applications to Include:***

- (1) Name of the Student(s) Nominated
- (2) Contact information for the student(s) (i.e., phone and e-mail address)
- (3) University attending

The nomination packet must include:

- (1) A brief description of the project or activity (not to exceed 1,000 words) including:
  - a. The genesis and unique feature of the project, including its **level of innovation**.
  - b. The project's **contributions to excellence** in doctoral education.
  - c. The extent to which the project is likely to produce **lasting, observable changes** in the doctoral program, university, or community.
  - d. The **evaluation component** of the project.
  - e. Any additional information that can assist reviewers in assessing the merits of this project or activity.
- (2) A letter of support from the Ph.D. Program Director or the student's doctoral advisor attesting to the quality and value of the project or activity. (A signed .pdf document is required.)

Files must be submitted electronically via e-mail attachment.

***Submission:*** Nominations should be submitted to the GADE Award Subcommittee by June 1, 2012 by email to Dr. Jill Duerr Berrick, Chair, GADE Award Subcommittee, [dberrick@berkeley.edu](mailto:dberrick@berkeley.edu).

The email Subject Line should read:

**2012 Leadership and Service Award Nomination from (Your University).**

***Application Processing:*** The GADE Award Subcommittee will review all applications. Applicants will be informed of the final decision on or before July 30, 2012. A formal announcement will be made at the CSWE APM conference in November,, 2012.