

Third Annual Professional Development Conference for Undergraduates Interested in Graduate Training in Family and Child Sciences

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About The Conference

The *School of Social and Family Dynamics* at Arizona State University is proud to host the third annual **Professional Development Conference for Undergraduates Interested in Graduate Training in Family and Child Sciences**. This conference is designed to bring together eager and bright students to



learn about the exciting changes and facets of child and family sciences.

Undergraduate students from across the country who will be seniors in the fall of 2009 and who are planning to pursue graduate education in a discipline related to family and child sciences (child development, family studies, psychology, education, sociology, life sciences, etc.) will be brought together on campus for a weekend of discussions about applying preparing for graduate school, where the field is going, opportunities in the field, interdisciplinary research and education, and general discussions with faculty and graduate students in the field. This competitive conference will allow students to learn more about the profession,

develop networks of faculty and students from across the country, and help prepare for graduate school and beyond. Conference attendees will learn about diverse graduate programs, but the conference focuses on research-oriented programs leading to doctoral degrees and research-related careers.

From an endowment provided to the School of Social and Family Dynamics, **students who are selected to attend will be provided with funding to pay for all travel-related expenses (airfare, local transportation, hotel, and meals)**. Students will attend interactive discussion sessions over the course of the 2 days of the conference. Opportunities for socializing and individual sessions will also be provided.

Why Should I Participate?



- Learn about research in the field of family and child sciences and the exciting changes that are taking place
- Enhance your understanding of academic work in a small, informal setting
- Interact with faculty and graduate students in your field
- Exchange ideas with other undergraduates with similar interests and learn about their experiences at different institutions of higher education
- Prepare yourself for graduate school and develop a better understanding of graduate school and graduate research training
- Enhance your resume

The conference provides an excellent forum for becoming better prepared for graduate school, exploring your research interests, and identifying areas for graduate training in family and child sciences.

Am I Eligible?

Approximately 20 undergraduates will be selected for participation. Students are eligible if they:

- will be a senior during the 2009-2010 academic year
- will be applying for Fall 2010 to a research-oriented doctoral program in family and/or child sciences
- have a minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- are willing to attend and actively participate in the conference if selected



I am interested! What's my next step?

- Check out the conference website: <http://www.asu.edu/ssfd/conf>
- Submit your application <http://www.asu.edu/clas/ssfd/conf/register.html>
- Contact a professor to write a letter of recommendation
- **The deadline for applications is March 1, 2009**

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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE TO PROGRAM: Applicants will be informed of decisions by April 30, 2009.

