

# 2008 MCH Student Recognition Awards

## Introduction

The UNC Department of Maternal and Child Health is pleased to announce the availability of four competitive scholarship opportunities for currently enrolled MCH master's and doctoral students. These awards have been made possible through the commitment and generosity of private donors with the goal of promoting leadership and celebrating excellence in maternal and child health.

- The John and Sallie Shuping Russell Scholarship in Global Health
- The Katherine Ann Wildman Memorial Scholarship in Maternal and Child Health
- The Center for Infant and Young Child Feeding and Care Scholarship
- The Edem Effiong Memorial Scholarship for Student Travel

## Application Process

These awards will utilize a self-nomination process and are open to any currently enrolled MCH graduate student. Students may elect to apply for any or all four awards, however, each application will be reviewed in light of the guidance for each scholarship award. When submitting your nomination, please indicate the award(s) for which you wish to be considered on your Recommendation Form. Please note that in no instance will a student be awarded more than one award, nor be considered competitively in subsequent years of graduate study after having received an MCH Award.

The selection process is coordinated through the Department's Awards Committee and will reflect the selection criteria specified in this packet. Forms to be used are provided in this packet and are also available on our Department's website. Completed applications should be sent electronically to Lewis Margolis, CB 7445, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC ([lew\\_margolis@unc.edu](mailto:lew_margolis@unc.edu)) and must be received by **February 8, 2008**.

A completed application consists of the following:

- A statement (one page maximum, 12 pt. font, 1" margins) that includes:
  1. Applicant's academic and professional background
  2. Specific interests and career goals
  3. How the applicant would use the scholarship if selected
- A curriculum vitae
- Two recommendations (either electronic or paper copies in a sealed envelope) from individuals familiar with the nominee's academic performance and achievements, as well as actual and/or potential professional impact on the field of MCH. One recommendation must be from an MCH faculty member.

## Selection Criteria

The MCH Awards Committee will review applicants based on: academic excellence; demonstrated leadership; potential and/or evidence of impact of work; commitment to improving

and advancing the health of MCH populations; and **compatibility with the intent of a particular award.**

### **The John and Sallie Shuping Russell Scholarship in Global Health**

#### **Purpose and History**

This award was established in 2002 to support an endowed scholarship in global health, with a special emphasis on infectious disease and children's health. Master's and doctoral students committed to global health may apply. The scholarship may fund an international field placement. An award of **\$1,000** is available for the 2008-2009 academic year.

John and Sallie Shuping Russell are UNC alumni. This scholarship reflects their belief in the importance of public health in improving and advancing the health of communities and families throughout the world.

### **The Katherine Ann Wildman Memorial Scholarship**

#### **Purpose and History**

This award was established in 2003 to support a scholarship in maternal and child health, in honor and memory of Katherine Ann Wildman. Outstanding master's and doctoral students with a demonstrated commitment to the study of MCH may apply. An award of **\$1,000** is available for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Katherine Ann Wildman received both her MPH and PhD degrees in Maternal and Child Health from UNC focusing as a student and as a promising young investigator in the area of perinatal health and epidemiology. Dr. Wildman's research explored health systems factors associated with maternal morbidity and mortality during pregnancy and understanding how to provide health care that responds to the needs and desires of pregnant women. From her BA in International Relations to her dissertation about Tanzania and her work in Europe, Katherine Wildman showed an interest in travel, other cultures, and a strong commitment to being truly global.

### **The Center for Infant and Young Child Feeding and Care Scholarship**

#### **Purpose and History**

This award was established in 2006 and provides a scholarship for a student with special interest in the impact of program interventions on the health and well-being of the mother/child dyad. The Center is dedicated to the understanding of how interventions affect the health and survival of both the mother and the child. The central interest is the study, evidence-based advocacy, and evaluation of interventions in support of breastfeeding, and may include issues such as birth intervals, family planning methods and maternal nutrition as they impact on child survival, health, and development, and on maternal survival and health. Outstanding master's and doctoral students with a demonstrated commitment to the study of these issues domestically or internationally may apply. An award of **\$1,000** is available for the 2008-2009 academic year.

### **The Edem Effiong Memorial Scholarship for Student Travel**

#### **Purpose and History**

This award is being established in 2007 in honor and memory of Edem Effiong, a dedicated community advocate who embraced public health as the means to promote social justice for women, children, and adolescents in Nigeria and around the world. Edem was respected for her intellectual

engagement, giving voice to those on the margins. Just days before Edem passed away from leukemia, she received her MPH degree in MCH, demonstrating once again what one individual can achieve through perseverance and spirit.

The genesis of this student travel award was gifts from MCH donors and alumni, matched dollar-for-dollar by Professor Gary Koch, in recognition of the important role of field travel in enriching the graduate studies experience. Outstanding master's and doctoral students with a demonstrated commitment to leadership and advocacy in MCH may apply. An award of **\$1,000** is available for the 2008-2009 academic year and must be used toward domestic or international travel.

## 2008 Recommendation Form for MCH Student Awards

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Student Award (you may apply for up to 4):**

- The John and Sallie Shuping Russell Scholarship in Global Health
- The Katherine Ann Wildman Memorial Scholarship
- The Center for Infant and Young Child Feeding Center Scholarship
- The Edem Effiong Memorial Scholarship for Student Travel

**Recommended by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The recommender is encouraged to allocate responses to the following questions as seems appropriate, but in no case should this form exceed two pages. Thank you.

**How long and in what capacity have you known the nominee?**

**Please rate the nominee using the following scale and characteristic:**

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Unable to Assess</b>
Academic excellence					

**Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to academic excellence.**

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Unable to Assess</b>
Demonstrated leadership					

**Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to demonstrated leadership.**

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Unable to Assess</b>
Impact of work					

**Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to the potential and/or evidence of impact of his/her work.**

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Unable to Assess</b>
Commitment to MCH					

**Please give specific examples that explain your rating of this nominee in regard to commitment to improving and advancing the health of MCH populations.**

**Please provide any further remarks that you feel would assist the MCH Awards Committee in the evaluation of this nominee.**