

APPLICATION

FRED H. BIXBY GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM in OVERPOPULATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Graduate School of Public Health
College of Health and Human Services
San Diego State University

Name _____ RID number _____

Phone/Day _____ Phone/Eve _____ e-mail _____

Semester you entered the GSPH _____ GSPH Major _____

GSPH major advisor _____

Instructions:

- Attach resume, curriculum vitae, sponsor name, and an unofficial GSPH transcript (Available online. Ask Brenda Fass-Holmes, bholmes@mail.sdsu.edu, if you need instruction on how to obtain this.)
- Request a letter of support from your major GSPH research advisor to be sent directly to Dr. Ann de Peyster. Provide this advisor with a signed copy of the sponsor form attached to this application. Their letter, which may be mailed to Dr. Ann de Peyster, GSPH, or e-mailed to adepeyst@mail.sdsu.edu, will remain confidential.
- Complete the rest of this application and submit all by e-mail to Dr. de Peyster, adepeyst@mail.sdsu.edu.

1. In 500 words or less, explain your interest in overpopulation studies as this relates to public health. Emphasize any particularly relevant prior background, education, experience, coursework, etc.

2. Explain briefly any ideas you have at this time about thesis work that you might pursue in the area of population studies and public health.

3. For students already receiving financial aid through SDSU, please include a brief statement confirming that you have checked to verify that you could accept this award if selected. This will need to be reconfirmed before awards are made; however, being alerted to this early avoids misunderstandings and disappointment later. See note under Evaluation Criteria within Application Instructions.

2009 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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What is the Fred H. Bixby Student Scholars Program?

These awards sponsored by the Fred H. Bixby Foundation help to support graduate students to relate their Graduate School of Public Health educational experience to some aspect of overpopulation as this relates to public health. Graduate students in any public health major are encouraged to apply. Up to \$2000 may be awarded to each of a limited number of scholars in this academic year. See note about financial aid under Evaluation Criteria.

Expectations of Fred H. Bixby Scholars

First and foremost, this program requires a commitment to focusing the GSPH education culminating experience (thesis, masters project, or dissertation) on some aspect of overpopulation as this relates to your chosen GSPH concentration. Scholars will be expected to give a school wide presentation in an appropriate forum describing their progress in this area toward the end of the spring semester.

Who May Apply?

GSPH masters-level or doctoral students in their second semester or beyond may apply. First semester students may apply, but priority will be given to students with some public health coursework already successfully completed and a demonstrated intent to pursue scholarly work consistent with the Bixby mission; for example, an approved thesis or dissertation proposal topic on preventing or mitigating effects of overpopulation or a closely related subject. Applicants must be in good standing (B average or better in graduate units).

Evaluation Criteria

GSPH applicant reviewers consider interest, and prior experience in related areas. Scholastic achievement (GPA, GRE, etc.) is also considered but is not the primary criterion for selection.

Selection of scholars by the GSPH is coordinated with the SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships: Be advised that a student already receiving the maximum financial support allowed as determined by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships would not be able to accept this award. If a student is chosen and accepts this award and later applies for additional aid, then the amount of this award will be taken into account when evaluating financial need.

How may the award be used?

This scholarship may be used for any aspect of education, including reimbursement for tuition, books, housing, research, travel and meeting registration, or publication costs.

Application Deadline and Form

2009-10 Bixby Scholar applicants must submit all required information electronically by **5:00 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009**. Finalists will be notified to schedule a brief interview within the two weeks following. The application consists of a form, a resume or curriculum vitae, unofficial GSPH transcript and a letter of support from your main GSPH thesis or project advisor. In addition to your contact information, the form requests information about prior experience and interests related to the mission and goals of the Bixby Scholars Program.

FACULTY SPONSOR FORM

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Bixby Scholar applicant name: _____

Applicant signature: _____ **waives the right to see this letter.**

GSPH faculty sponsor name: _____

Phone/day: _____ **e-mail:** _____

Note to the faculty member agreeing to serve as a sponsor: The applicant will be expected to focus their GSPH education culminating experience (thesis or project) on some aspect of overpopulation as this relates to the student's chosen field of study within the GSPH. By providing this recommendation, it is understood that you will mentor the student through successful completion of a research thesis or project consistent with the spirit of this award. Future gifts from the Fred H. Bixby Foundation depend on the success of the Bixby scholars, and therefore on the students and GSPH faculty sponsoring Bixby Scholars. Your candid responses to the three questions below will be appreciated.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. What specific strengths does this applicant offer to the Bixby research program?

**3. Do you have any reservations about recommending this student to be a Bixby scholar?
If so, please explain.**