

**\$3,000 Available for 2018 Summer Quarter Healthy Brain Student Projects**

**Healthy Brain Research Network Scholars Program Call for Applications  
for Graduate Students in Doctoral or Doctorate of Nursing Practice Programs  
in the University of Washington School of Nursing**

In partnership with the de Tornyay Center for Healthy Aging (dTC), the [Healthy Brain Research Network \(HBRN\) Coordinating Center](#), located at the Health Promotion Research Center (HPRC) in the University of Washington (UW) School of Public Health, is accepting applications for projects related to the public health aspects of brain health, cognitive aging, cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease and dementias, and associated caregiving.

The [Healthy Brain Research Network](#) (HBRN) is a national research and translation network established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to: 1) develop and advance a public health research, translation, and dissemination agenda that promotes cognitive health and healthy aging, addresses cognitive impairment, and helps meet the needs of care partners; 2) build evidence for policy, communication, and programmatic interventions; 3) collaborate with public health agencies and partners to accelerate effective practices in states and communities; and 4) build the capacity of public health professionals. HBRN efforts are guided by [The Healthy Brain Initiative: The Public Health Road Map for State and National Partnerships, 2013–2018 \(Road Map\)](#), and strategically align with other national priorities as identified in the [Institute of Medicine Report on Cognitive Aging, Progress in Understanding and Opportunities for Action](#); [The National Alzheimer's Action Plan](#), and [Healthy People 2020 objectives](#).

The UW HBRN-dTC Scholars Program will support up to 2 graduate students in the completion of a defined project or specified component of an ongoing research project during the 2018 Summer quarter, June 18 – August 17, 2018. Examples of projects include but are not limited to: literature reviews, partnership on a community- or agency-based project with a defined product, analysis of an existing data set, and development and distribution of evidence-based materials, e.g., fact sheets.

Each Scholar will be provided a \$3,000 stipend which will be distributed in three equal payments (\$1,000 each) across the summer scholarship period (June 18 – August 17, 2018). Funding is provided from the de Tornyay Center for Healthy Aging.

HBRN Summer Scholar program infrastructure and opportunities are provided in part due to cooperative agreements with the CDC Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program.

Priority will be given to applicants who have not already received funding through this UW HBRN program.

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## Eligibility

1. Graduate students matriculated at UW within the School of Nursing. Applicant does not need to be registered for Summer quarter.
2. Must have an identified mentor affiliated with the UW to support the scholar's program goals and objectives for the Summer quarter.

## Application Review Criteria

1. Project addresses one of the actions within [The Healthy Brain Initiative: The Public Health Road Map for State and National Partnerships, 2013–2018](#) [e.g., Educate and Empower the Nation]
2. Project addresses/can be linked to one of the short-term recommendations of the [Washington State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias](#) (executive summary). (Full plan here: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/alzheimers-state-plan.>)
3. Significance of the problem towards enhancing public health approaches for cognitive health and healthy aging.
4. Feasibility for project and/or program goal completion in the 2018 Summer quarter (and by August 17, 2018).
5. Includes a partnership with a community-based agency, as applicable (e.g. Alzheimer's Association or another agency with a commitment to addressing actions within the *Healthy Brain Initiative*).
6. Demonstrates commitment to the field of public health and aging and the healthy brain.
7. Overall quality and completeness of the application.
8. One-page letter of support from a mentor stating their availability to mentor the scholar and match with their expertise. The faculty mentor may be someone interested in a similar topic, a member or chair of the student's supervisory committee, or other. *If you are in need of suggestions for a faculty mentor, contact Gwen Moni, Program Manager for HBRN Network Operations ([gmoni@uw.edu](mailto:gmoni@uw.edu) or 206.616.1012).*

## Responsibilities of Scholars Who Are Funded and Their Mentors

1. Scholars and their mentors will be asked to sign a Learning Contract that identifies mutual responsibilities upon receiving the award.
2. Scholars will be required to orient themselves to HBRN guiding materials, including but not limited to the Road Map, IOM Report on Cognitive Aging, [HBRN Research Agenda](#), HBRN Logic Model and the recorded 2016 and/or 2017 HBRN Scholar Webinars. These will be made available.
3. Scholars will be required to attend three monthly in-person UW HBRN-dTC Scholar meetings at the UW HPRC during Summer quarter. These to-be-scheduled meetings will include scholar peers and mentors. Scholars will have the option to attend monthly webinar meetings of the national HBRN, as their schedule permits.
4. Scholars will be required to present their findings at the conclusion of the quarter to the HBRN investigators. Date TBA. Scholars will have the opportunity to consult with the national HBRN, as interest and scheduling allows.
5. Scholars will be required to submit a report of activities carried out during the funded period. This report should be in the form of a scientific abstract following the guidelines provided by the UW HBRN Coordinating Center.
6. Scholars will need to include acknowledgement of HBRN cooperative agreements and dTC funding, as appropriate, on any related presentations and publications. A template for such language will be provided.

## Procedures and Deadlines

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2018; 5:00 pm PST. To be considered, all materials, including a resume or CV and a one-page mentor letter, must be submitted electronically by the deadline.**

To apply, complete our online application here: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/gmoni/346133>. Supporting materials will be submitted to [HBRN@uw.edu](mailto:HBRN@uw.edu). Questions can be directed to [Gwen Moni](#), (or T: 206.616.1012) Program Manager for HBRN Network Operations.