MHFA Doctoral Student Grants

The Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) USA Doctoral Student Grants represent a commitment by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing to grow the research and evaluation behind all MHFA programs.

Each year, the grant will provide a one-time award of $5,000 to four outstanding full-time doctoral students who demonstrate significant potential as researchers in their fields of study and who are interested in evaluating the outcomes of MHFA trainings in the U.S.

Eligibility

Doctoral grant candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Documented experience with MHFA (e.g., as a MHFA Instructor or Coordinator) and/or a strong interest in MHFA.
- Full-time student pursuing a doctoral degree in psychology, public health or related field of study.
- Previous evaluation experience and demonstrated ability to document findings through publications and/or presentations.

Requirements

Once funded, doctoral grant recipients must:

- Participate in quarterly research calls with the MHFA Research and Evaluation team.
- Submit a final report of research findings to MHFA within two years of receiving the grant.
- Participate in a MHFA-sponsored event highlighting research.
- Pursue a formal non-MHFA publication or presentation opportunity.

The 2024 MHFA USA Doctoral Student Grants application process opens on Monday, April 22. Visit MentalHealthFirstAid.org/DoctoralGrants to apply by June 9.