

## **Doctoral Dissertation Scholarships and Diversity Poster Awards**

The Michigan Psychological Association Foundation (MPAF) is 'responsible for administering funds for educational and other charitable programs to promote the public mental health welfare and to advance the science and profession of psychology for charitable, educational and scientific purposes.' To further the mission of MPAF, the Board of Directors has made a commitment to award doctoral dissertation scholarship and diversity poster awards to deserving graduate students attending Michigan universities.

### **Scholarship Award:**

Beginning January 2016, MPAF has been awarding at least one scholarship for up to \$1000. We are renewing our commitment to supporting scholarship by opening the award for 2018 to support dissertation research in any area of **diversity and multicultural education**. Please forward this information to all students and faculty who may have interest in applying for these funds. All information needed to complete the application is contained in the packet. If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Debra Smith at [dls40@aol.com](mailto:dls40@aol.com).

### **Diversity Poster Award**

A student poster session will be held at the Michigan Psychological Association Annual Spring Conference to be held on April 20, 2018 at the Henry Center in East Lansing. The session is sponsored by the MPA Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Social Responsibility and the MPAF. Posters are invited on any ongoing or completed research related to issues of diversity in psychology.

Graduate students in any psychology program in the state of Michigan who are members of MPA at the student level or above are invited to submit a proposal for a poster. A brief proposal describing the nature of the research is due by April 1, 2017 and may be sent to the executive director of MPA at [lavone.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:lavone.swanson@gmail.com). The proposal should include the topic of the research and a statement of its relevance to diversity issues. Presentations should be scientifically oriented with conclusions drawn from data. Qualitative research is welcome. In addition to being members of MPA (a very low student rate is available), students must also register for the conference.

Presenters will display their posters on the day of the conference before sessions begin and during morning breaks and should be prepared to discuss their research with conference attendees. Poster size and configuration will conform to APA guidelines. Presenters will be provided with an easel and backing on which to display their poster.

Posters will be judged according to criteria provided on the MPA website. Prize for best poster is \$200 and a year's free membership, at the appropriate level, in the Michigan Psychological Association. Second prize is \$100 and a membership; third prize is \$50 and a membership. The name of the winner(s) will be announced during the luncheon and will also be displayed on the MPA website.

Any questions regarding this opportunity may be directed to Dr. Kristin Sheridan at [sheridankm@frontier.com](mailto:sheridankm@frontier.com).

