CAPCSD Ph.D. Scholarship
Successful Strategies for Applicants
Agenda

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Introductions

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History of the Ph.D. Scholarship

• Goal of this scholarship
• How many awards have been disbursed?
• $$ amount!!
Eligibility Criteria

Listed on the Website
Please review & reach out to CAPCSD with questions
https://www.capcsd.org/ph-d-scholarships/

• Candidacy/ABD status
• Ideal if applicant is graduating in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021
• One per member program
• Every department has its unique internal process
Application Components & tips!

Listed on the website: https://www.capcsd.org/ph-d-scholarships/

• Pay attention to the word limit
• Provide a detailed timeline
• Your cover letter is very important
• Your mentor’s letter counts!!
• Use of award money is not restricted solely to proposed project
Review & Notification Process

• Application is reviewed by two or three reviewers

• All components of the application are reviewed including the letter from the applicant and the mentor

• While strength of the 1000-word dissertation research plan is important, the following are equally relevant:
  • alignment of the application with the goals of the award
  • the overall quality and feasibility of the proposal in the given timeframe
So, how did Erin do it?
Are you ready to apply?

• Consider the eligibility criteria
• Do you have a solid plan and research design?
• Plan ahead
  • Know your department policies, timelines, procedures
  • Meet with your advisor
You only have 1000 words...
Make them count!

• Why is your research innovative?
• How does it contribute to the professions?
• Be judicious
• Is your plan realistic? Make it clear you have thought it through
“Tell YOUR story!”

• Be genuine

• What motivates your research?

• Why are you *committed* to academia?
  • How will a Ph.D. help you achieve your goals?
  • How will this scholarship help you finish your Ph.D.?
My story...

• 14 years as SLP & clinical educator
  • Students lacked knowledge & confidence with medically-complex pediatrics
• Experience as a simulationist
  • My goal: Educate clinicians!!
• Limited eligibility for grant funding
Did the $$ help?

- Of course it did...
  - Supported critical personnel for simulation
  - Purchased consumables
  - Defended my dissertation 6 months after award!
  - Graduated 8 months after award!! (December 2018)
and it’s still helping...

- Dissemination of research
- Funded travel to state & national conferences to present research
- Expansion of my faculty role
  - Advance line research
    - Interprofessional project
    - Simulation for online students
- Advanced certification
Questions??