



CAPCSD Ph.D. Scholarship

Successful Strategies for Applicants



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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!!

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

Eligibility Criteria

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??

