ICP Scholarship Opportunities

Must apply by August 15th for the coming academic year.

Nancy Smith Scholarship:

The Nancy A. Smith Scholarship Award has generously been set up by one of Nancy’s clients, a Candidate of ICP.

Nancy A. Smith, Psy.D. was an esteemed colleague, Training Analyst and Faculty Member of ICP. Nancy passed away on December 3, 2008 after she valiantly struggled for 18 months after being diagnosis with Stage 4 Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer; she was 61.

When Nancy became a Candidate at ICP in the very early 90s, she had already developed a successful practice in Orange County as a psychoanalytically-oriented Psy.D. psychologist known for her gifts in psychodrama. Nancy was immediately active as a candidate, participating in the COC and serving a term as Candidate representative to the ICP Board of Directors.

Nancy had an in-depth interest in Sandor Ferenczi, and this interest consolidated into her graduation paper, Orpha Reviving: Musing about Sandor Ferenczi, Elizabeth Severn and the Treatment of Trauma, was awarded the Daphne S. Stolorow Memorial Essay Prize for excellence in psychoanalytic scholarship, in 1998 (the year of its inception; Nancy was the inaugural recipient). From Ferenczi's Clinical Diary, Nancy took up his notion that the fear and anxiety of explicit trauma are transformed by "moments of extreme danger" into an intelligence "detach[ed] from the ego and even perhaps from all affects."

Nancy's elaborated concept of "Orphic functioning" was demonstrated to have great clinical applicability, and became appropriately influential not only in her subsequent supervisions and courses at ICP and at the Newport Psychoanalytic Institute but among the larger international community of Ferenczi scholars and enthusiasts. Her presentations at Ferenczi conferences in Madrid (Spain), Tel Aviv (Israel), New York (USA), Budapest (Hungary) and Turin (Italy) were enthusiastically received, as was her participation in a one-day Ferenczi conference at ICP in February of 2000. These papers were subsequently published and remain in demand among those engaged with the treatment of extreme trauma, and with the life and work of Sandor Ferenczi.

Nancy took great pleasure in her work behind the camera, both still and video; her multi-media presentations delighted students in her Ferenczi classes and deserve to be more widely seen. In recent years, the twin gargoyles of distance and traffic (she lived in Yorba Linda and practiced in Orange) dissuaded her from continuing the previous decade's more active participation at ICP. She cherished the company of friends, colleagues, and neighbors collected over many years, some of whom in each category were vitally helpful to Nancy in her often grueling treatments of the last 18 months. The light of Nancy's life was being with her sister Brenda, along with Brenda's husband Dave and their sons Michael and Gregory, which happened in abundance in the last decade or so.

Scholarship Criteria:

Scholarship for Tuition & Supervision

You may apply for this scholarship under one or more of the outlined criteria:

1. Be a single parent, any age, not gender specific in need of financial assistance to attend ICP’s 4 year academic program.
2. Attend ICP’s 4 year academic program – student will be living with and caring for a spouse, child or parent who is dealing with a serious illness.
3. Attend ICP’s 4 year academic program and you are suffering from a serious illness or injury that requires financial assistance to continue with ICP in this program.
4. A woman over the age of 40 in need of financial assistance to attend ICP 4 year academic program.
5. A Candidate who is heavily involved providing service to the under privileged or to the high risk populations.
6. A Candidate in supervision working on three cases concurrently who can demonstrate financial need. Supervision will not be more than $125 per session. Supervisor will agree in writing to this amount.

This scholarship is available on a one-time per person basis, except under extenuating circumstances determined by the ICP Board of Directors. Scholarship funds will not be disbursed directly to recipient, but to ICP or ICP supervisor.

This scholarship amount will be determined and administered by the ICP Board of Directors.

The above criteria must be verified.

Diversity Scholarship:

ICP’s cutting edge status and dedication to spreading the word on contemporary psychoanalytic theories puts it in a unique position to attract professionals not traditionally a part of the psychoanalytic community. The Ethnic Minority Scholarship was established in 2007 with that in mind. Ethnic minorities face several layers of obstacles to accessing psychoanalysis in a field that has traditionally excluded people of color; due to disparities in our society the most compelling obstacle is the cost of psychoanalytic training. This scholarship was established to take the lead in assisting professionals of color the opportunity to seek financial support while attending ICP and working towards obtaining a Psy.D. or Ph.D. in contemporary psychoanalysis. Criteria for scholarship application is:

1) be a person of color,
2) show evidence of financial need and
3) complete ICP financial aid/tuition deferral application.

Tuition Deferral:

An important and continuing goal of the ICP Board of Directors is to provide funds whenever possible for those who might otherwise find the financial constraints of ICP candidacy too burdensome to manage. Assistance is provided on an annual basis; candidates wishing continued support must apply for assistance each year.

Applications for fellowships and loans at ICP are evaluated solely on the basis of need. Incomplete or partially filled out applications may not be considered by the Fellowship and Loan Committee; the Committee requires three documents from you in order to make the best possible evaluation of your financial needs in comparison with those of other candidates:

1. The Personal Financial Statement (3 pages) – All questions on this form must be answered, or, where not applicable, marked N/A.

2. A Narrative Statement (typed) – Summarizing your reasons for requesting tuition deferral or fellowship support. This statement should indicate whether you have financial dependents; whether your spouse/partner (if any) will or can share some of the financial burden of your candidacy at ICP; a description of your current work load and any factors which prelude your working more hours; and any unusual, extenuating or catastrophic circumstances which affect your ability to meet the financial responsibilities of candidacy. While this statement need not be lengthy, it provides us with narrative data to understand and organize the numbers presented in the Personal Financial Statement (see above). You should indicate in the Narrative Statement whether you are applying for a fellowship, tuition-deferral loan, or both. If further information is required, an interview with you may be requested.

3. A copy of your most annual IRS tax return. Note that we now require the entire tax return for evaluation purposes. This document is required to help us better understand the data furnished in the Personal Financial Statement.

The Fellowship and Loan Committee, as well as the ICP Board of Directors, are keenly aware of the sensitive and confidential nature of each person’s finances. Please be assured that any information you furnish in your application will be kept totally confidential, and that each of the three documents required for this application will be destroyed once our evaluation has been completed. Please mark “Confidential” on the application envelope and address to: Fellowship and Loan Committee, ICP; 10780 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 350; Los Angeles, CA 90025-4779.