



Opportunity

ChildPact has an interest to support research that can inform policy and practice in efforts to protect and care for vulnerable children. ChildPact offers scholarships for summer research initiatives that contribute field level quantitative and qualitative data and analysis on one of the following issues: child labour, children left behind to migrating parents, children with disabilities and institutionalization. It supports highly motivated and qualified graduate students who want to understand, test and shape child protection reform today and in the future. The ChildPact summer research scholarship programme provides a one-time scholarship of 1,000 EUROS (to be used for travel and accommodation) to develop and implement a field-level research initiative in any ChildPact country (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, or Serbia). Chosen ChildPact Scholars will be paired with a ChildPact-affiliated host NGO for field-level access and networking purposes to facilitate research implementation.



Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must be enrolled or newly graduated from a graduate level, accredited European university program in child rights, social work, economics, psychology, medicine/health, public policy or law.



Candidate Selection

Candidates must submit the following materials to be considered for the ChildPact 2014 Summer Research Scholarship:

- A letter of intent to be considered as a candidate for the Research Scholarship that confirms all information presented is truthful and current;
- A candidate's curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages);
- A letter of recommendation from an academic advisor;
- A candidate's copy of an official academic transcript; and
- A research plan (maximum 2 pages) that includes a theoretical foundation and a clear conceptual frame that points to research questions and a data collection plan. The measurement plan for research should require setting data from multiple sources and how that data would influence the hypothesis or questions attempted.

Candidates originating from one of ChildPact's 10 countries with a studies emphasis on child rights are strongly encouraged to apply.

Proposals will be rated on the description of the context for the research (brief literature review), the clarity and comprehensibility of the research question, the appropriateness of the research design, and the general importance of the research. Secondary criteria are related to the letter of recommendation from an academic advisor, grades achieved within the Master's Programme, and the letter of intent provided as part of the application.

Application Deadline

All materials must be submitted by email before April 1, 2014 to info@childpact.org

Please type "SCHOLARSHIP" in the email Subject box. The email should also contain the candidate's full name, surname, age, nationality and university affiliation.



Terms of Awards



ChildPact research scholarships are awarded for a 3 month period; the size of the scholarship is 1,000 EUROS and will be awarded in two parts: 70% at contract acceptance and 30% after the final report is approved and submitted. Research scholars selected will be informed by April 15, 2014. ChildPact will also provide an NGO host in the country of research to help with logistics and networking. ChildPact's Scholar will be responsible for all research-related tasks.

This scholarship programme does not provide health, accident, or liability insurance. Applicants must make sure that they have insurance coverage applicable during any travel or work associated with this research initiative. ChildPact shall not be held responsible for any injury, loss, expense or damage of any kind whatsoever suffered or incurred by any person as a result of this award.

Reporting Requirements

By accepting the award, chosen ChildPact Scholars agree to complete all research and submit a final report within a three month summer period (June – August). The final report must be written in English, state conclusions, and provide quantitative and qualitative data and analysis to support the conclusions. ChildPact will have the right to use and publish any information presented in the final report, providing full credit to the ChildPact Scholar.



Questions?
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