Description: These research assistantships are for Ph.D. students whose academic work focuses on child/family issues which enhance development of research excellence in this area. These nine-month awards carry a stipend of $18,000, a tuition scholarship of up to 21 credit hours, and health insurance. No more than two awards will be given each academic year, and each award is for one academic year only.

Eligibility: Incoming or current Ph.D. students whose academic work focuses on child/family issues.

Nomination Procedure: For each nomination, the Graduate Program Director is asked to submit a single PDF containing the information listed below. All components must be in the order in which they appear below:

1. A detailed cover letter discussing the nominee’s qualifications for receiving the research assistantship;
2. A copy of the student’s transcript (unofficial Loyola transcript or a copy of the nominee’s external transcript for a new student);
3. The student’s curriculum vita;
4. A detailed description (maximum two-page) description of the assistantship duties the program plans to assign to the nominee and the name of the graduate faculty member who will be supervising the research assistant; and
5. If a program submits more than one nominee, a page that ranks the nominees is required.

It will be assumed that nominations forwarded by the GPD are fully supported by the Chair/Dean and the Program, even though no letters of support from the Chair/Dean are required.

Applications are to be submitted via email to Michelle Cerullo (mcerullo@luc.edu), Awards Coordinator. All submissions must be received by the Graduate School on or before midnight on Monday, March 13, 2017.

Award Decisions: The Deans of The Graduate School will rank nominees and make award decisions based on the quality of the student, the quality of the nominating program, the research productivity of the graduate faculty member whom the student will be assisting, the degree to which the issues of children and family are a major component of the proposed research, and the available resources. No more than two awards will be given each academic year.

The awards will be offered to individual students, not departments. If an offer is declined, the Graduate School will offer the assistantship to the next ranked applicant.