

Robert Newby Fund to Support Student Diversity Efforts

The Robert Newby Fund acknowledges students' activities in support of diversity initiatives.

Dr. Robert Newby

Dr. Robert G. Newby is an emeritus professor in CMU's Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work. His area of expertise is race relations, especially the role of the race concept and the social meaning of race in the development of sociological theory. Establishing this fund allows him to continue encouraging students to examine issues of race and discrimination in our society as he did throughout his many years of teaching.

Description

The fund recognizes the diversity-related work completed by up to three undergraduate student projects and one graduate student project per year with an award of **\$250.00 for each project**. The activity must be linked to a credit-bearing academic experience at CMU which involves research, creative activity and/or the application of findings. The activity can take a variety of forms as long as it is done as part of a credit-bearing experience at CMU. Examples of eligible activities include, but are not limited to, a research paper, an internship, or a study abroad experience. Extra-curricular activities like participation in an RSO whose aim is to promote diversity and social justice or an Alternative Spring Break (if it involves working with a population whose background is different than the student's) could also be used, but only if a faculty member agrees to using the activity as the basis for a course assignment (for example, a paper or report related to the class topic).

Recipients will be expected to do a poster presentation of their work at the **Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition (SRCEE)**, which will be held virtually for 2021. The deadline for poster presentation online applications through SRCEE is March 5, 2021. Recipients of the award will be recognized at the virtual Student Research and Creative Endeavors Exhibition.

Application Procedure

Submit the following:

1. Completed cover sheet (attachment)
2. One copy of the formal paper or report of the activity that was submitted for course credit and which demonstrates clearly and precisely how the specific activity supports diversity efforts (improving the quality of life of underrepresented groups broadly defined and/or a personal experience that has changed your future goals or caused you to become involved in diversity issues)
3. A letter of support from a faculty member who can attest that the activity was part of a credit-bearing experience at CMU
4. Brief description of the project
5. If submitting a group project, certify that other members of the project have been notified and the Group Project Certification Form is completed, signed and returned with the cover sheet.

Projects must have been completed by December 18, 2020. The application must be submitted to the Office for Institutional Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Warriner Hall 319 by Friday, February 19, 2021, or by email to Lori Swift at swift1l@cmich.edu. Winners will be selected on March 3, 2021, by members of the Multicultural Diversity Education Committee (MDEC).

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Stan Shingles, Interim Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer by calling 989-774-3700 or emailing shing1sl@cmich.edu.

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Cover Sheet**

Name: _____

Status when you completed the project: Undergraduate Student _____ Graduate Student _____

CMU Student ID Number: _____

Local Address: _____

Local Phone: (____) _____ CMU Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Title of Project: _____

Name and Semester of class for which the project was completed: _____

Name of the professor writing the letter of support: _____

Brief description of the project (**300-word maximum**); explain what kind of project this was (e.g., internship, practicum, involvement in an RSO, term paper for a course, etc.), when and where it was carried out, the main purpose of the project **and how it supports diversity efforts at CMU**. If submitting a group project, certify that other members of the project have been notified that the project is being submitted for consideration for the Robert Newby Award.

Attach a copy of the formal paper or report that you wrote for the class in which you describe in detail the activity you carried out and its results

Attach a letter of support from the faculty member who either supervised the activity or can attest to the quality of what you did.

Deadline for project completion: **December 18, 2020**

Deadline for submission of all materials: **Friday, February 19, 2021**

Letter of Support from Faculty Member

This student is applying to the Robert Newby Fund to Support Student Diversity Efforts. A requirement to receive such support is the submission of a letter of support from a faculty member who either supervised the activity or can attest to the quality of what the student did. The student must also submit either a formal paper written for a course or a report in which the student describes the activity. In your letter, please comment on the quality of the activity that the student carried out; this will be one of the chief criteria for judging recipients of these funds. Please also note the class or other credit-bearing academic experience at CMU the activity was part of. The information you provide will remain confidential. Please place your signed letter in a sealed envelope and give it to the student for submission with the application packet

GROUP PROJECT CERTIFICATION FORM

I certify that I understand that the

Project/paper, which I participated in creating, is being submitted for consideration for the Robert Newby Fund to Support Diversity Efforts award. If this project receives the award, I **do / do not** (circle one) expect to receive part of the \$250 award money.

This statement must be signed by each of the project/paper participants.

Name: _____
Signature Printed Name

Name: _____
Signature Printed Name

Name: _____
Signature Printed Name

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Signature Printed Name

Name: _____
Signature Printed Name

Please note: original signatures are required.