**Stipends & Paid Practicum**

**Veterans Administration $8.51/hr. for 500 hours maximum $4255 (Concentration Year)**

Let Barbara Bramble know that you want to apply; she will send all names to the VA and they will contact you to set up an interview. Do not contact the VA until you have been contacted to call for an interview. Stipend placements are in Muskogee; if there are stipends left over, then in Tulsa. They want people interested in working with veterans. Concentration Year Students Only. Julie McNeil.

**Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council $2500/semester**

Awards up to eight stipends for highly qualified students placed at agencies that provide programs and services to people with disabilities. The agencies must also provide a “challenging and well-supervised practicum experiences that give students the opportunity for community involvement and/or a major role in planning or implementing a special project.” The agencies must provide a brief description of programs and services and specify the activities in which students participate. Examples of practicum activities include: intake; individual, group, and family work with clients; community meetings or activities; and staff development training. The primary focus of the placement must be working with clients with disabilities, though they may also focus on other things.

Good for only one semester while in the MSW program. The stipend is given for working 240 hours and completing a required portfolio. The portfolio is involved, containing a compilation of the student’s work through the practicum, details of which are available online. A copy of the portfolio will be submitted to the ODDC within 30 days of the completion of the semester. Preference will be given to students who have previous experience working with people with disabilities or have unique life experiences involving people with disabilities. Students receiving a stipend through CWPEP are not eligible. Visit their website [http://www.okddc.ok.gov/](http://www.okddc.ok.gov/) for more information. Click on the CURRENT ACTIVITIES tab.

The application deadline for ODDC stipends for the fall semester is August 1; for the spring semester, December 1.

**The Zarrow Mental Health Field Unit Stipends/$6,000 per practicum-OU-Tulsa MSW Students Only**

This field unit is a rare opportunity for social work students to acquire a holistic understanding, in context, of the life experiences and challenges faced by those with a mental health disorder. This practicum experience introduces students to the lives and the world of the mentally ill. In order to know this population as people, students will begin with housing – where the mentally ill live. In this framework, the housing programs which have been developed by the Mental Health Association mirror the future of social work practice with individuals who have mental disorders. From there students will follow the well-worn paths through services and institutions
frequented by people with mental disorders. These agencies include but are not limited to: The Mental Health Association in Tulsa, Crossroads Clubhouse, the OU IMPACT team (Assertive Community Team or “hospitals without walls”), Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health (an emergency examination and detention facility), the Day Center for the Homeless, meal programs, shelters, and the Tulsa Salvation Army Center. Students in this field unit will also experience youth outreach and mental health screenings in school settings, as well as explore all aspects of non-profit management.

Only Tulsa Students are eligible. Eligible students may apply for and receive for both Foundation and Concentration year practicums. A notice outlining the application process will be sent out to all OU-Tulsa MSW students prior to practicum planning and there is a deadline to submit all application materials. For more information, contact Tiffany Adamson (tadamson@ou.edu).

University of Oklahoma-Tulsa Student Affairs – Professional Development Funds

Each student has available a mechanism for requesting funds up to $250 per semester to support individual professional development. http://tulsa.ou.edu/studentaffairs/funds.htm

Approach Agencies about Stipends

A student doing a ½ direct practice - ½ research Concentration Year placement asked about a stipend and got one. Agencies get funding as a direct result of research. The student left behind a product tied to the grant funding the research. This research was linked with Chan Hellman in Human Relations (Schusterman).