The Center for Spirituality and Social Work Graduat e Assistantship Program at NCSSS

The Center for Spirituality and Social Work at the National Catholic School of Social Service is pleased to announce the establishment of The Center for Spirituality and Social Work Graduate Assistantship Program. This program will support two kinds of Graduate Assistantships: a Research Graduate Assistantship and a Continuing Education Graduate Assistantship. The inaugural class of graduate assistants will be selected for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Center for Spirituality and Social Work (CSSW) is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art social work research and continuing education from a bio-psycho-social-spiritual perspective, with a particular emphasis on spirituality. The CSSW is focused on performing rigorous research concerning the role of religion and spirituality in human behavior and social work practice in order to contribute to the profession’s knowledge base in this area. The CSSW also is committed to providing training and education for social work and other helping professionals at the student and practitioner level in order to advance spiritually sensitive social work at all levels of practice.

The Graduate Fellowship Program will provide much-needed financial assistance to advanced-year MSW students, as well as the opportunity to further their professional development through involvement in a NCSSS faculty member’s research project or involvement in the Center’s continuing education programming. Each stipend is for $5,000 for the academic year.

Students who apply must:

1. **For Research Graduate Assistantship:** Have received the grade of A in SSS 590, Social Work Research Methods and have experience and/or skills in the various steps of the research process.

2. **For Continuing Education Graduate Assistantship:** Have experience and/or skills in workshop/conference planning, training development, marketing/public relations, web design, or other administrative/organizational skills.

3. Have a particular interest in spiritually and social work.

4. Have excellent time-management and organizational skills.

5. Have the ability to work an average of 10 hours per week for the academic year.

Graduate Assistants are also encouraged to enroll in SSS725: Transpersonal Theory and Social Functioning during the spring semester of their advanced concentration year.

Please submit a 2-page application addressing the points above and indicating whether you are interested in the Research Graduate Assistantship or the Continuing Education Graduate Assistantship. **Applications must be received by June 17th, 2011**, for review and decision; notification to applicants will be sent by June 30, 2011. Applications should be sent electronically to Ms. Aileen Worrell, NCSSS Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, at worrell@cua.edu.