Dear CMSD Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Communication Sciences and Disorders (CMSD) grant program at CSU, Chico. Students pursuing a Master's degree in CMSD may apply for funding under the federal grant Training and Interdisciplinary Education and Research (TIER).

The grant program is funded from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. In accordance with this project’s requirements, you will be required to perform work related to Communication Sciences and Disorders upon completion of the program.

Enclosed you will find the following items:

1. Application for CMSD TIER Grant for the upcoming Fall semester.
2. Student Objectives and Responsibilities for the CMSD TIER Grant.

Please submit the Application for the CMSD TIER Grant with the appropriate documentation as soon as possible. Please contact me if you have questions or to determine specific course requirements at (530) 898-4286.

Sincerely,

Jessika Lawrence, Ph.D.
Project Co-Director

Communication Sciences and Disorders Program
California State University, Chico
Dr. Jessika Lawrence,
Project Co-Director

E-mail: rlytle@csuchico.edu
Phone: 530-898-4298
The CSU, Chico Communication Sciences and Disorders Program is pleased to announce the availability of grant funding to help students in the area of Speech-language pathology education. Students may apply for funding for the academic year program under the federal grant **Training and Interdisciplinary Education and Research (TIER)**. The TIER grant is a federal grant to train students to work with children with disabilities in the field of Speech-language pathology.

Academic year grant recipients receive funding for stipend awards, books, and travel to conferences. If selected as a participant in the academic year grant program, you may receive a maximum of $20,300 funding over a maximum of four semesters.

To apply for the CMSD TIER Grant, submit a complete application by **April 15th**.

**Checklist for a Complete Application**

- Form A: Application for CMSD TIER Grant
- Form B: Applicant Data Survey
- A typed letter of application (2 pages maximum) which addresses your career goals, including your experience working with individuals with disabilities.
- An up-to-date resume
- One official transcript of all college work
- Information for three references (Name, Job Title, Phone, Email Address)
- Two letters of recommendation, from two of the three references above

Deliver or mail complete TIER application materials to:

Jessika Lawrence, Ph.D.  Phone: (530) 898-4286  
CMSD Program, CMAS Department  Email: jlawrence14@csuchico.edu  
CSU, Chico  
Chico, CA  95929-0350

Please keep this page for your records.
Application for CMSD TIER Grant

Name ____________________________________________________________

Street Address __________________________________________________

City _____________________________ State _________ Zip Code ____________

Home Phone __________________ Work Phone _______________ Cell Phone __________

SSN __________________________ Date of Birth _______________________

Email address ______________________________________________________

Employment

Place of Employment ________________________________________________

Employment Address ________________________________________________

Position ____________________________ Supervisor ______________________

Course of study at CSU, Chico

☐ Master’s degree in CMSD

Enrollment: ☐ FT or ☐ PT Expected completion date of program: _________________

Do you currently have a credential to teach in California? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name of credential(s): _________________________________________

Are you currently working as a teacher? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe): ______________________________________________

Are you bilingual? ☐ Yes ☐ No If so, which language(s) ______________________

Will you apply for financial aid funds for the Fall semester at CSU, Chico? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Form A
Applicant Data Survey

We consider all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected status. Please note the following exception: United States government guidelines require all recipients of funds from our current federal grant be U.S. Citizens.

This survey is not a part of your official application for the grant program and will not be used in any decision regarding the award. The purpose of the Applicant Data Survey is to comply with government record-keeping, reporting, and other legal requirements. Completing this survey is strictly voluntary.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Position(s) applied for    Grant funding in CMSD TIER Grant    Date    ____________________________

Name ____________________________ Telephone ____________________________

Last First Middle

Address ____________________________________________

Number, Street, Apt City State Zip Code

Referral Source(s)
☐ Advertisement in (name)__________________________ ☐ Conference__________________________

☐ Referred by (name)__________________________ ☐ Other__________________________

☐ Web site________________________________________

Equal Employment Opportunity Identification Groups

Date of Birth: ____________________________ Please circle one: Male Female Non-Binary

(Month/Day/Year)

☐ Caucasian    ☐ African    ☐ Hispanic    ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native    ☐ Other__________________________

Please check if any of the following are applicable:

☐ Vietnam Era Veteran    ☐ Veteran with a Disability

☐ Individual with a disability    ☐ Re-entry student

I understand that I’m providing this information voluntarily and it will be kept strictly confidential.

______________________________________________ ________________________________
Signature Date

Form B
Communication Sciences and Disorders TIER Grant
Master's Degree Program
Training and Interdisciplinary Education and Research

Student Objectives

1. Complete a master’s degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.
2. Participate in interdisciplinary field experience in addition to other services which will further the availability of quality speech-language pathology programs for children with disabilities.
3. Develop the necessary skills to become an expert clinician of multicultural students with disabilities, with a particular focus on students with high intensity needs.
4. Address the needs of children with disabilities, including early intervention, school-aged population, and transition programs.
5. Facilitate the development of successful and mutually beneficial partnerships with children’s families to support effective service delivery.

Student Responsibilities

1. Notify Dr. Jessika Lawrence, program co-director of the TIER Grant, of all changes in address and employment status until the service obligation has been satisfied.
   jlawrence14@csuchico.edu
2. Log-in to the PDPDCS website and update records aver 6 months
   https://pdp.ed.gov/OSEP/
3. Students are expected to participate in 10-15 hours per week in field experience placements per semester. Contracts for field experience hours are to be completed at the beginning of each semester in collaboration with the program advisor.
4. Maintain satisfactory progress toward the credential or degree.
   GPA requirements:
   Masters – GPA 3.0 in each graduate course.
5. Attend all mandatory grant recipient meetings, typically 1-2 per semester.
6. All grant-funded students are expected to attend all classes, demonstrate model academic behavior, be independent thinkers and learners, and be punctual and professional in all interactions with parents, children, peers, and community programs.
7. Take and pass the PRAXIS exam during your final semester of funding. View complete details at https://www.ets.org/praxis/
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