

Vera Tayeh Innovations & Impact Award Application

The UNC School of Social Work is currently accepting applications from rising final-year MSW students for the Vera Tayeh Innovations and Impact Award. This award is made possible by Vera Tayeh, MSW '87 whose own innovative field placement in Lebanon inspired this gift. Up to five final-year MSW students, from any MSW program at UNC-Chapel Hill, will be selected to receive awards in the amount of \$10,000.

Deadline for applications:

Full-time and Three-year students: *Friday, February 25, 2022, 5pm EST*

20-month Advanced Standing students: *Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5pm EST*

12-mo Advanced Standing students: *Friday, June 10, 2022, 5 pm EST*

*A note on **references**: We can contact your recommenders once you submit your application, or you can provide them with the official recommender's link at any time: tinyurl.com/vtiia-references*

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. This application is not associated with federal financial aid.

Thank you for taking the time to apply for this new award! If you have questions, please contact Tanya Jisa at tjisa@unc.edu.

Note: This copy of the application materials are meant to provide guidance only. The official application should be submitted digitally, unless other arrangements have been made. The digital application may or may not be compatible with smartphone or other mobile devices, so please use a desktop or laptop computer to complete it.

Applicant Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Pronouns (optional):

Email:

Gender Identity (optional):

Race/Ethnicity (optional):

Student Status Fall 2021

- Adv Standing 12-mo
- Adv Standing 20-mo
- Final-yr student in 2-yr Full Time Program
- Final-yr student in 3-yr Chapel Hill Program
- Final-yr student in 3-yr Winston-Salem Program

Dual degree program?

- Divinity
- Law
- Public Administration
- Public Health
- NA
- Other

Month and year you will graduate

- May 2023
- August 2023
- December 2023

Briefly describe your practice and research area(s) of interest:

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Wherever relevant, please discuss how your salient identities inform your application as you describe your vision and experiences below.

1. What status quo would you like to challenge and/or innovation would you like to address or explore? *(approx. 250 words)*
2. If you have an identified and/or preferred field placement site, please name it here, describe its focus population and setting, and explain why you feel it would be an appropriate fit for this award. *(approx. 150 words)*
3. Describe past experiences (personal, paid, and/or volunteer) that highlight your initiative, ability to think expansively, and willingness to act boldly and challenge the status quo. *(approx. 500 words)*
4. Describe one experience from your work, education, or field/internship where you were outside your comfort zone. Please describe how you managed this experience and what you learned. *(approx. 500 words)*
5. How will being a Vera Tayeh Innovations and Impact Award recipient help prepare you for your future goals as a social worker? *(approx. 250 words)*
6. Describe what, if any, groundwork you have already laid in preparation for carrying out this project. *(approx. 500 words)*

List up to three references who will respond to the following questions.

Include title, organization, phone and email address. It is recommended that a current/former Field Instructor and someone who can speak to the nature of your ability to assess and initiate projects independently be included.

1. What is the nature of your professional relationship with the applicant? (Open text)
2. What is the applicant's ability to initiate projects independently? (Scale 1-10)
3. What is the applicant's ability to assess projects independently? (Scale 1-10)
4. What is the applicant's level of mental and emotional maturity (i.e., healthy boundaries, conflict resolution, dealing with failure, etc.?) (Scale of 1-10)
5. Is there anything in particular you would like us to know about the applicant? (Open text)

Name at least one UNC School of Social Work faculty member who supports this application/idea, if possible.

Please upload a current resume. In addition, you may upload any supportive documentation regarding your idea/project, if you wish.