PFRH Centennial Scholarship

In honor of the Bloomberg School of Public Health’s 100th anniversary, the faculty of the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health (PFRH) has established this endowed student scholarship. The scholarship is intended for an advanced masters or doctoral student who on the basis of scholarship and community service has distinguished her or himself as an individual of exceptional leadership and promise in one of the focal areas of PFRH.

Background information

This scholarship fund will be based on contributions from current and past PFRH faculty, although anyone may contribute to it. A special faculty committee will be convened each year to chose the awardee from among all student applications, much as is currently done for the Harper award. The timing of the award will be the same as for other Honors and Awards. The amount of the award will be determined each year based on the amount of funds available, given the need to maintain sufficient funds in the account to accrue interest.

An annual fund drive will be carried out to ensure continued growth of the fund. Contributors will be acknowledged, with their permission. A list of major donors will be maintained on a plaque displayed in the Department. It is planned that the interest accumulation will eventually become the primary source for the annual award(s). Initially only one award will be made each year, to either a doctoral or Master’s student. Once the Faculty Scholarship Fund is well established, it is anticipated that an award can be made to both a doctoral and Masters student. Otherwise, it is not anticipated that the award will be split between students.

The award may be given to a PFRH student at any time during her or his enrollment in the School. The funds may be used at the student’s discretion.

The PRFH Department Administrator will manage the Faculty Scholarship Fund; it will be maintained in a BSPH account with routine auditing as per BSPH guidelines.