

**College of Human Ecology**  
**Harold and Letha Reser Family and Community Innovation Award**

**Purpose:** This award was established to honor Harold and Letha Reser for their commitment to their family and community and the value they placed on education and service. The purpose of this award is to support faculty in the College of Human Ecology (CHE) on the campus of Kansas State University (KSU) who excel in collaborative applied research and program delivery fostering family and community vitality.

**Eligibility:** Faculty in the CHE at KSU who conduct applied research and/or translate research-based knowledge of human ecology into practice and programs for the benefit of youth, families, and healthy communities.

**Use of Funds:** Funds will be used to support applied community-based research; model programming for healthy families and communities; intervention strategies to reduce risks to children, youth, and elderly individuals or groups; community projects designed to bridge social and cultural barriers; evaluation for education program efficacy; and comparable endeavors. Funds may not be used for projects related to the military or groups related to the military. Preference will be given to projects promoting healthy relationships, positive role models, healthful activities, community development, and proactive interventions. Preference will also be given to projects where resources from other sources are limited.

Support for projects using interdisciplinary approaches within human ecology are encouraged, as are projects in which campus-based faculty collaborate with local or area Extension agents and/or others engaged in individual, family, and community development. Funds may be used to further current projects or initiatives directed by the recipient(s), for supplemental program delivery and evaluation, for follow-up activities of projects supported by other agencies (e.g., publication costs, dissemination of reports to participants and others), and/or as matching funds to enhance competitiveness to receive funding for programs consistent with the aforementioned criteria. Recipients may receive up to \$10,000/year for two years based on progress toward the goals of their project. After two years, the applicant(s) can reapply for additional funding. However, if an applicant receives four consecutive years of funding, he/she must wait at least two years before applying for the award again.

**Application Instructions:** The applicant(s) must submit an application which includes **a)** a title page listing each applicant's name, faculty rank, department/school, and contact information; **b)** the proposal, and **c)** abbreviated CV (two-page maximum per applicant) highlighting each applicant's research.

The proposal should include:

- 1) An abstract (150-250 words summarizing the project, including a statement regarding the amount of money requested and the length of the project).
- 2) A brief (no more than three double-spaced pages) narrative including:
  - An introduction outlining the need for the project, as well as the purpose/hypotheses/research questions
  - The project's methodology
  - A statement describing the interdisciplinary nature of the project as well as the explicit roles of each applicant if there are multiple investigators
  - A description of the importance of the project to the applicant's field and his/her scholarly development including anticipated outcome(s)
  - A brief overview of the anticipated benefits and outcomes for youth, families, and/or the community
  - A description of how this project aligns with the [definition of engagement](#) adopted by K-State
- 3) A detailed budget justification
- 4) A timeline outlining when major activities will be conducted and anticipated outcomes will be completed.

**Deadline:** Applications need to be submitted electronically to Michelle Toews ([MLToews@ksu.edu](mailto:MLToews@ksu.edu)) no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. Selections will be made by May 1<sup>st</sup> to fund projects that will begin after July 1<sup>st</sup>.