

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Do I have to be a student to participate in the Interdisciplinary Traineeship at The Boggs Center?**

Yes. In order to participate in The Boggs Center Interdisciplinary Traineeship you must be a student enrolled at least part-time in a degree granting program in New Jersey. While the traineeship is geared toward graduate students, undergraduate students are also welcome to apply.

### **When does the Interdisciplinary Traineeship typically begin and how long does it last?**

The traineeship typically follows the academic calendar, beginning in September and lasting either one or two semesters, depending on the type of traineeship. Depending on available funding, The Boggs Center may also be able to accommodate students who are interested in beginning a traineeship in January.

### **Will I work directly with people with disabilities as part of the Traineeship experience?**

No. While several of the required traineeship activities involve spending time with individuals with disabilities and their families, during the majority of the Interdisciplinary Traineeship experience, students will *NOT* work directly with individuals with disabilities. The Boggs Center provides community and student training and technical assistance, conducts research and model demonstrations, and disseminates information and educational materials – it does NOT provide direct services to people with developmental disabilities.

The traineeship is primarily focused on introducing students to policy issues, historical themes and trends, as well as systems and service considerations relevant for individuals with disabilities and their families.

### **What kinds of projects or activities have past student trainees been involved in?**

Past student projects have largely centered on the development of written products and curricula. For example, a former health policy student created a policy brief about how

the Affordable Care Act may affect families with a child with a disability. Given the nature of our work at The Boggs Center, it is extremely beneficial for potential trainees to possess strong writing skills and the ability to work well independently.

### **Can Boggs Center faculty and staff provide clinical supervision for a MSW or PhD student?**

There is no Boggs Center faculty or staff who can provide clinical supervision for a MSW or PhD student. The Boggs Center may be able to accommodate a clinical MSW student by arranging for clinical supervision with an affiliated clinical faculty member at the Arc Monmouth and for site supervision by a Rutgers SW faculty from the Camden campus. This opportunity involves travel between New Brunswick and Tinton Falls and is appropriate for a motivated and organized student.

### **Do I have to have transportation to participate in the Interdisciplinary Traineeship at The Boggs Center?**

While transportation is not required to participate in the traineeship, it is very helpful for Boggs Center trainees to have access to a car for travel to meetings and off-site events in other parts of the state.

### **Do I have to have previous experience with individuals with disabilities to participate in the Interdisciplinary Traineeship at The Boggs Center?**

No.

### **Does The Boggs Center offer evening and weekend hours?**

No. The Boggs Center operates during normal business hours, Monday – Friday, from 9am – 5pm.