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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **BUFFETT INSTITUTE SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

*UNL, UNMC, and UNO Doctoral Students Eligible  
to Receive Awards of \$25,000 for Multidisciplinary Research*

Omaha, Neb. — The Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska is accepting applications from advanced doctoral students within the university system for 1-year fellowships worth up to \$25,000.

The Buffett Early Childhood Institute Graduate Scholars program awards grants to a maximum of four doctoral students every year. The program, which was launched three years ago, is designed to foster the growth of diverse, exceptional graduate students conducting research that has implications for early childhood, with particular attention to children placed at risk as a consequence of economic, social, and environmental circumstances. Applications from students working on early development in any doctoral program in the NU system are welcome.

The Buffett Institute Graduate Scholars program is the first financial support program for doctoral students who have reached Ph.D. candidacy at the University of Nebraska that focuses solely on the first years of life.

Samuel Meisels, founding executive director of the Buffett Institute, said the innovative program seeks to support high-quality research from diverse fields that impact young children, including health, education, social work, music, art, the neurosciences, and others. Multidisciplinary research and practice and new methodologies are encouraged.

“The Buffett institute is committed to transform the lives of young children in Nebraska and beyond,” Meisels said. “The Buffett Institute Graduate Scholars program seeks to support Ph.D. students in the University of Nebraska system whose research contributes to the mission of the Institute, which is to provide all young children the opportunity to develop, learn, and succeed in life.”

To increase the diversity of perspectives in research on young children, the Buffett Institute encourages applications from scholars from historically disadvantaged or underrepresented groups, including individuals of color, first-generation college graduates, and individuals from low-income communities.

Scholars will work with their faculty mentors on a dissertation that represents an in-depth exploration of early childhood-related research. The Institute will create opportunities for scholars and mentors to communicate, network, and collaborate with one another.

Three students received grants for the 2018-19 academic year: Tuyen Huynh, a student in the Department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies (CYAF) at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln; Andrew Riquier, a student in neuroscience and behavior in the Department of Psychology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and Shreya Roy, a student in health services research, administration, and policy in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Full applications from applicants for 2019-20 are due Friday, March 29. The 2019-20 award winners will be announced by the end of June.

To view the Buffett Institute Graduate Scholars RFP, visit [buffettinstitute.nebraska.edu/graduate-scholars](http://buffettinstitute.nebraska.edu/graduate-scholars).

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*The Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska promotes the development and learning of children from birth through age 8. Our vision is to make Nebraska the best place in the nation to be a baby. Visit [buffettinstitute.nebraska.edu](http://buffettinstitute.nebraska.edu) for more information.*