

**Pacific University School of Occupational Therapy**  
**Audrey C. Kerseg Memorial Fellowship Fund Application:**

**Background:**

The Audrey C. Kerseg Memorial Fellowship Fund was established by Sue and Dave Nelson, to be awarded to a current student in the School of Occupational Therapy. This endowed fund has continued to grow through generous support of the Nelsons and many alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the School of OT. The Kerseg Fund will support one (or more when funds are available) second or third year Occupational Therapy student. The student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and submit a complete application. Priorities to be considered may be fieldwork, capstone or experiential assignments or research involving diverse populations and extensive international travel. Financial need of the applicant will also be considered.

The amount of the stipend awarded from the Fellowship Fund varies with the endowment, but is anticipated to be approximately \$500-1500.

Audrey C. Kerseg (1910 – 1996) was educated as a nurse and developed a keen interest in occupational therapy while working at the Murdale Sanitarium for tuberculosis patients in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When her daughter, Sue (Kerseg) Nelson chose occupational therapy as a career, Mrs. Kerseg continued to be very interested in health care services and followed many developments in the field, witnessing continual changes and trends in medical practices.

In July 1977, Mrs. Kerseg was present among a small number of Oregon occupational therapists when Oregon Governor Bob Straub signed into law new state licensing standards for occupational therapy practice. Mrs. Kerseg's personal and professional commitment to the care and rehabilitation of those handicapped through injury or illness serves as an outstanding example of an individual's lifelong dedication and service.

*The application is on subsequent pages and should be submitted electronically, be sure to indicate your name in the filename when saving the application.*



1. Briefly describe the innovative and/or research projects in which you've been involved or hope to be involved in the future. (if submitting electronically, insert here).
2. In one typewritten page, discuss how your community service activities have influenced you and how your service activities have helped others. Please attach your essay to this application (or if submitting electronically, insert here).

3. The Audrey C. Kerseg Memorial Fellowship Fund recipient should place emphasis on the following Commitments: civic engagement, community building, diversity, international perspective, and social or occupational justice.

Choose two of the Commitments which have meaning to you, define them in your own words, and describe how you have integrated them into your life and service. (insert here or attach)

**4. Optional:** Describe how a stipend from this could ease the financial challenge of completing your remaining fieldwork rotations or other school-related travel or project.

### **Applicant's Agreement**

By signing this application I indicate that all of the information I provided is true and represents my personal experience, and I agree that the Audrey C. Kerseg Memorial Fellowship Fund Committee may review my academic and financial information on file at Pacific University.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

*Please assure that your name is in the filename when saving & submitting the application. Submit the application to [ot@pacificu.edu](mailto:ot@pacificu.edu) to the Program Director.*