

**The College of Education at the University of Utah  
is pleased to announce the creation of the  
Molly Lawson Research Fellowship**

This fellowship will provide the funding opportunity for one student per year from the state of Arizona to earn a Master's Degree in the Department of Special Education at the University of Utah while working as a research assistant with the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Center for Community of Caring. Preference will be given to applicants with an expressed desire to return to Arizona and to serve in a special education related capacity. This fellowship covers tuition and fees while providing a generous stipend.

**The Department of Special Education**

The Department of Special Education at the University of Utah features specially designed instruction to ensure a free and appropriate education for students regardless of the extent or type of their disability. The Department of Special Education prepares special education teacher candidates and general education teacher candidates to work with students with disabilities in the areas of mild/moderate disabilities, severe disabilities, early childhood special education, vision impairments, and hearing impairments. At the graduate level, the Department of Special Education prepares tomorrow's leaders in the field at both the masters and doctoral degree levels.

The preparation of teachers and leadership personnel includes adaptation of curriculum, accommodation to meet student needs, collaboration with schools and the community, assessment of student abilities, behavioral interventions, special education policy, and legal issues.

**National Center for Community of Caring**

The University of Utah is proud to be the site of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Center for Community of Caring. Community of Caring is built around five core values that empower young people to be responsible and caring members of a community: Caring, Respect, Responsibility, Trust, and Family. These five values serve as a foundation and umbrella for school activities and initiatives in Community of Caring schools. - By focusing on creating a positive school community, the program enables children to feel supported, cared about, and included – characteristics that yield long-lasting dividends for all children, especially those with special needs.

The specific research projects that the individual will work on will be determined in collaboration with the research assistant.

**The Molly Lawson Foundation**

The funding for this fellowship is provided by the Molly Lawson Foundation which operates under the umbrella of the Arizona Community Foundation. It was founded by Dr. Michael and Doris Lawson in honor of their daughter Molly. Molly is a person with Down Syndrome. She was raised and educated in Phoenix. Today she lives and works in Scottsdale.

**You can learn more about Molly at [www.mollylawson.org](http://www.mollylawson.org). You can learn more about this scholarship by contacting Patty Davis (801-581-4764 or [patty.davis@utah.edu](mailto:patty.davis@utah.edu)) at the University of Utah.**

**Application Deadline: March 1**