

## **Fromm Institute Scholarship in Gerontology**

### **Deadline for Completed Application is Monday, November 4, 2024**

The Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning at the University of San Francisco offers a \$5,000 scholarship open to continuing USF students who are declared Gerontology minors. The Fromm Institute Scholarship in Gerontology (FISG) is awarded to the applicant who best exhibits a combination of academic achievement, professional promise, and a demonstrated interest in a career in the field of aging. Funds are provided by the Institute through an annual fundraising event that has this scholarship as its focus. The recipient will receive \$5,000 applied to Fall 2025 tuition.

#### **About the Fromm Institute at the University of San Francisco**

Founded in 1976, the Fromm Institute is an educational program for retired people offering noncredit, college-level courses in a wide range of academic subjects. The Fromm Institute fills the meeting spaces of Fromm Hall during USF's academic year and with an emeritus faculty, presents scores of courses in its three, eight-week sessions - Fall, Winter, and Spring. While the Fromm Institute creates a peer age setting within its classrooms, its students have the opportunity to interact with others at USF and are considered campus affiliates with access to the library, cafeteria, and other public spaces. Applicants are encouraged to visit <https://www.fromminstitute.org/> for more information.

#### **Mission of the Fromm Institute Scholarship in Gerontology - FISG**

This scholarship grants financial aid to a student engaged in the study of gerontology at USF while fostering a commitment to service and an understanding of campus diversity. As such, the FISG provides the recipient both a \$5,000 award and an opportunity to engage/interact with a unique population of older persons in meaningful ways that are mutually beneficial. The recipient will spend time in Fromm Hall among the Institute students (or via online interactive sessions, depending on health and safety concerns) during the 2025 Fall Semester. Please be aware that the contact opportunity is from Monday through Thursday before Fromm classes from 9 to 10 a.m., or during Fromm's lunch period from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicants must be declared Gerontology minors.
- Applicants must have completed, or be currently enrolled in, at least 2 classes that are a part of the Gerontology minor coursework.
- Applicants must have at least one year remaining at USF (graduation no earlier than Dec. '25).

#### **Scholarship Conditions**

The FISG recipient will serve as USF's intergenerational representative to Fromm during the Fall 2025 Semester to engage with Fromm students. The recipient will work with Fromm Staff and the Gerontology Minor Director to determine appropriate activities that draw on the recipient's strengths and interests, and yet promote intergenerational contact. Service work can be as simple as helping set up classes and talking with Fromm students during class breaks. Past service work has included: an assistance booth where Fromm students could get help with cell phone settings; playing the piano at lunch to elicit conversation; tours of favorite on-campus places to show Fromm students welcoming spaces they might not know about; hosting a weekly lunchtime social; writing a bi-weekly column in the Fromm newsletter; helping students master technology to interact and attend virtual classes.

#### **Timeline**

The recipient will visit the Fromm Institute and observe its students in and out of their classes and confer with the Fromm Institute Staff and the Gerontology Minor Coordinator during Spring 2025 semester. Plans for Fall 2025 service work will be finalized at that time with the recipient working 2-3 hours per week during Fromm's 10-week Fall term. A brief report from the FISG recipient on their experiences working with Fromm students is due by Dec. 1, 2025.

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### I. Personal Data (Type or Print in Black or Blue Ink Only)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Gerontology Minor: Y N Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

USF ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

#### List below your previous Gerontology Minor coursework.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Taken</u>	<u>Grade</u>
_____	_____	_____
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**List below any extracurricular, community, or employment activities that you would like to let the Selection Committee know about.**

### II. Additional Information (Type on separate paper)

- Discuss any service experiences with older adults. How have these experiences, or older people you have interacted with, affected your attitudes and/or feelings toward older adults?
- Why are you studying Gerontology at the University of San Francisco? What are your future plans and how do you hope to work with older adults in the future?
- After reviewing the Fromm Institute website (<https://www.fromminstitute.org/>), what are your thoughts about this lifelong learning program as part of the larger university experience?
- List one USF Faculty member as a reference for you. (No formal letter of recommendation is needed, but the faculty member may be contacted by the selection committee).

Faculty Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Member Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Please Submit Your Application Electronically to:

Dr. Lisa Wagner, Professor Psychology, Director Gerontology Minor  
**email: [wagnerL@usfca.edu](mailto:wagnerL@usfca.edu)**