

The Quell Foundation Bridge the Gap Clinical Licensure Grant

Application Preview & Preparation Guide

This document is provided for your convenience and outlines what will be required in the new online **Bridge the Gap Clinical Licensure Grant** application so you can prepare materials in advance. Applications, including supportive documentation, may be submitted on a rolling basis. Application review by The Quell Foundation Grants Committee will take place twice yearly.

Awardees will be notified by June 30 and December 30 of each calendar year.

[View the Application](#)

We strongly recommend gathering all required documents before beginning the application. Closing the tab or browser on which you are completing the application may erase progress. If the form has been started prior to the application window, to preserve progress applicants are encouraged to either keep their tab open until they are ready for submission, or, prepare their responses in a separate locally-saved document.

Award Overview

The Quell Foundation **Bridge the Gap Clinical Licensure Grant** is awarded to an individual who has earned a Master's degree in a mental health–related field that is eligible for clinical licensure in the state in which the recipient plans to practice.

This grant evolved from the Foundation's former Bridge the Gap Scholarship, which provided tuition assistance, and was redesigned to more directly strengthen the need of the mental health workforce by supporting individuals entering the profession, expanding access to high-quality mental health services, and promoting systemic change that broadens the reach and impact of clinical and behavioral health care.

This important recognition is accompanied with fully-funded virtual clinical supervision, provided through an approved supervision partner, to support the recipient's progress toward licensure in one of the following professional designations:

- Addiction Counselor, Advanced Masters-Level
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Professional / Mental Health Counselor
- Clinical-Level Social Worker



Eligibility Snapshot

- Have earned, or will earn within 60 days of application, a **degree in a mental health field** that leads to clinical licensure in the state which the applicant plans to practice.
- Applicants **who earned a master's degree in 2024 or later** must demonstrate a minimum GPA of 3.80.
- Applicants must be knowledgeable of their state's regulatory requirements and be **eligible to pursue licensure in their intended state of practice** (e.g., eligible for a provisional license or able to obtain a letter of support from the state licensing board).
- **Be employed and working within the United States**, with primary job responsibilities that meet their state's requirements for supervised clinical practice.
- Agree to adhere to all **behavioral, professional, and ethical standards** established by applicable regulatory and licensing bodies.
- Demonstrate an understanding and commitment to The Quell Foundation's mission.
- Be willing to support the Foundation's awareness efforts by **facilitating a screening of Portraits of Life With Mental Illness** with their employer or community and participating in related outreach or awareness activities, as feasible.
- Following preliminary award notification, **submit a professional head-shot and brief thank-you video**, which may be shared with our donors and through Foundation media channels.
- Commit to clear, timely, and professional communication with both The Quell Foundation and the Foundation's clinical supervision partner.

Further eligibility details are available in the [FAQs](#).

Application Snapshot

Section 1: Personal Information

Be prepared to provide personal information such as name, mailing address, phone, and email.

Section 2: Education Information

Be prepared to provide educational history including undergraduate and graduate work and GPA, as well as your graduate school transcript.



Section 3: License Information

Be prepared to provide information about the license you intend to pursue, such as the state in which you wish to pursue licensure, type of license, and type of supervision required.

- In this section, please also be prepared to upload your most recent W-2 form.

Section 4: Short Response Questions

Please be prepared to answer the following Short Response Questions **(150-200 words)** for your application:

1. Please describe your professional and clinical experience to date, including your current role, practice setting, and populations served. (Do not include personal background or motivations.)
2. Which clinical license are you pursuing, and what is your intended area of concentration or clinical focus? Please describe the type of practice or setting you hope to work in once licensed.
3. Which community or population do you intend to serve as a licensed clinician, and what unmet mental health needs do you seek to address?
4. How will access to clinical supervision and grant-supported resources support your personal growth, professional development, and ability to successfully complete licensure requirements and sustain a career in mental health?

Section 5: Personal Statement

Be prepared to submit a Personal Statement **(475-525 words)** doing the following:

Reflect on your personal journey into the mental health field. Share the experiences, relationships, or moments that shaped your commitment to becoming a mental health professional. Describe how these experiences have influenced your understanding of wellness- for yourself and others- and the values you bring to this work. Finally, reflect on how you hope to carry these values forward in your future practice.

Your response should offer an authentic picture of your journey - recognizing that experiences look different for everyone.

Section 6: Letters of Recommendation

Prepare to upload OR have the writer submit (using the [unique url](#) provided within the application). If writers elect to upload directly using the url provided, it is important that they populate the name fields with the first/last name of the applicant whom they are submitting on behalf of.



- **Two letters of recommendation**
- Dated within **12 months** of application submission
- Letters may be from a professor, counselor, coach, employer, or similar
- **Must** include the writer's **signature, date written, and contact information**

You will also provide:

- Name and email address for each Writer

To qualify, applicants are responsible for ensuring both letters of recommendation are submitted correctly.

Please Note:

*All applications are reviewed with due diligence by The Quell Foundation Grant Committee; however, supervisee eligibility is ultimately determined by the applicable state licensing board. If a **Bridge the Gap Clinical Licensure Grant** is awarded and eligibility is later denied by the state licensing board, The Quell Foundation reserves the right to rescind or decline fulfillment of the award.*

Questions & Support

FAQs: thequellfoundation.org/faqs

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