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“I am very proud to be an alum from the University of Iowa School of Social Work PhD program. My experiences in this program formed the springboard to an exciting and rewarding career as an assistant professor at Tulane School of Social Work. I benefitted from so many aspects of the program.

First and foremost, the faculty mentorship was ideal. Not only did I have access to competent and experienced faculty at the school of social work,

due to the interdisciplinary nature of the program, I gained knowledge and mentorship from faculty across disciplines. I also experienced cross-disciplinary training, which was essential to attaining a job in today’s inter-disciplinary market.

Additionally, I was grounded in social work curriculum and approaches while being supported to nurture and explore my research and teaching passions. Receiving numerous internal and external supports offset the cost of attaining my Ph.D. The support of the school enabled me to publish while in the program and gain external grants. These foundational activities facilitated the attainment of external funding as a faculty member as well as being a National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program recipient. In sum, I am so happy to have gained a PhD from the University of Iowa School of Social Work. Here I received stellar mentorship and education, which formed the foundation for my ethics and values as a social work researcher and educator.”