

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**



**DISTANCE EDUCATION MSW PROGRAM**

**COSTS AND BENEFITS OF OBTAINING YOUR MSW**

**Q1: Will obtaining my MSW make much of a difference in terms of my annual salary?**

**A1:** The difference between the national median BASW vs. MSW salary is about \$13,000.

**YOU CAN HOPE TO RECOUP YOUR EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT IN APPROXIMATELY 5 YEARS (INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS)**

**Q2: Will obtaining my MSW have any intangible benefits?**

**A1:** You will gain skills in practice, administration, research, and many other areas.

**A2:** You will have a sense of personal achievement.

**A3:** You will develop life-long friends in your Distance Education cohort.

**A4:** Your new friends will constitute an important professional network for years to come.

**Q3: Can I afford the costs involved in obtaining my MSW degree through the Distance Education Program at California State University, Long Beach?**

**A1:** Tuition for each unit is expected to be approximately \$525.

**A2:** Total tuition for the 60-unit program is thus expected to be \$31,500 (pending finalization of Distance Education internal budget, which is not dependent on state budgetary decisions regarding higher education).

**Q4: Is funding available?**

**A1:** Students currently working in public child welfare are eligible for a stipend from the California Title IV-E Education Program for tuition, books, and transportation from home to campus and from home to field placement.

**A2:** Other students are eligible for a variety of state and federal loans.