This prestigious scholarship was established in 1988 in honor of Dr. C. Esco Obermann, a national leader in the field of Rehabilitation for many years, as a means of recognizing his significant support and service to the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Following his retirement from the faculty of the University of Iowa’s Rehabilitation Counseling Program, Dr. Obermann served as both an adjunct faculty member and active participant in the Program Advisory Committee for the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at MSU, Mankato for nearly two decades. During this time he shared his unique talents and dedication to the field of rehabilitation with students, graduates, faculty members and colleagues. His interest in the development and involvement of students through an understanding of the history of the field, the importance of ethics in practice, and in the development of more effective practice through research and professional writing, has guided many toward their own personal and substantial accomplishments in this field.

The C. Esco Obermann Rehabilitation Counseling Graduate Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students who are completing their first year of study (on a full- or part-time basis), who show promise for entering the field of rehabilitation, and who have a financial need which could preclude them from completing their internship.

Dr. Obermann and his wife provided a financial gift of $10,000 which has been more than matched through the generous donations of Rehabilitation Counseling Program alumni, faculty, and friends, to establish an endowment for the provision of scholarships and other forms of assistance.