



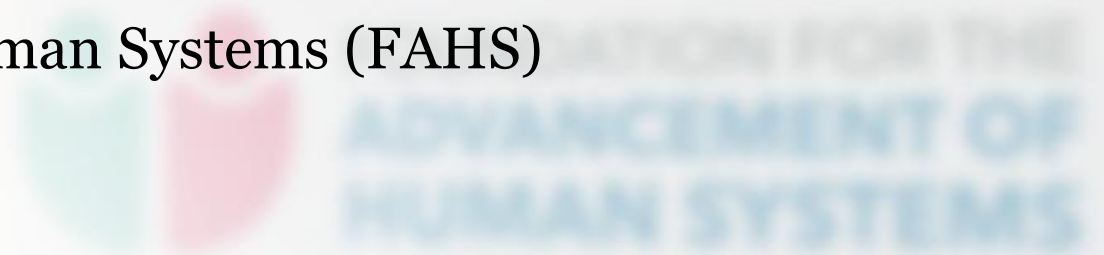
FAHS MFP Application Webinar

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- *Questions will be answered after a short presentation*
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Foundation for the Advancement of Human Systems

Mission:

- The Foundation for the Advancement of Human Systems (FAHS) exists to fund research focusing on healthy and strong human systems – individuals, couples, families and communities
- Status as a 501(c)3 organization.
 - This MFP Fellowship program is made possible through generous donations from FAHS supporters and a partial grant from SAMHSA.

Foundation for the Advancement of Human Systems (FAHS)

- The vision of the Foundation for the Advancement of Human Systems (FAHS) is to advance healthy relationships for individuals, couples, families, and communities
 - Research on best practices to strengthen the practice of systemic family therapy.
 - Promotion of education in systemic and relational practices.
 - Engagement in outreach to increase awareness of the marriage and family therapy profession.

FAHS and the MFP

Provide financial support and professional guidance to graduate students pursuing degrees in Marriage and Family therapy.

Provide a fellowship program open to Marriage and Family Therapy students who are committed to research in behavioral health that impacts the service delivery of mental health, substance use, and prevention services.

MFP Mission



THE FAHS MINORITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SUPPORTS LEARNING THROUGH A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT TRAINS GRADUATE STUDENTS TO SERVE COMMUNITIES.



TO STRENGTHEN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE BY EXPANDING THE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND PREVENTION SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES FROM TRAINED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS (MFT) AND MFTS WORKING WITH POPULATIONS



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MFP Objectives

- Increase the number of master 's-level marriage and family therapists trained in advanced practitioner skills committed to serving communities, including children, adolescents, and young adults (aged 16-25) in the United States.
- Increase the number of doctoral-level marriage and family therapists with advanced practitioner skills who are committed to advancing mental health, substance use, and prevention services in communities.
- Collaborate with appropriate mental health providers, training programs, and affiliated organizations to improve mental health, substance use, and prevention services to communities.
- Track and collaborate with MFP Fellows (and Alumni) to assess the effect of the program on the broader community.

Program Benefits



- MFP Fellows receive a stipend, cutting-edge training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with leaders in the field.
- Financial Support
- Professional Development
- Service
- Cutting Edge Research
- Networking
- Advanced training
- Dissertation Support
- Mentorship and Leadership Development
- AAMFT Systemic Family Therapy Conference
 - Link to MFP homepage:
https://aamftfoundation.org/Foundation/What_We_Do/Minority_Fellowship_Program/Foundation/What_We_Do/Minority_Fellowship_Program.aspx?hkey=01c874de-e103-46b7-8b28-02560b39e780

2026-2027 Application Information

- Applications open **December 1, 2025**
- Application deadline **February 16, 2026 @ 11:59pm EST**
- **Completely online on the SurveyMonkey Apply system:** [Foundation for the Advancement of Human Systems \(FAHS\) \(smapply.org\)](https://smapply.org) Mailed-in or emailed-in documents will **not** be accepted
- Applicants provide **contact information for their recommenders within their application**
 - Applicants can choose to have the application send the recommendation form to their recommenders at the start of the application or the end
 - Recommendation form is entirely online
- All applicants will receive confirmations of both their submission and that of their recommenders, via email shortly after the submission of the respective portions of the application.
- Applicants and recommenders can start a form and come back to it later
- Applicants and recommenders should use the latest version of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Internet Explorer. JavaScript should be enabled
- Applicants will receive notification indicating whether or not their application has been forwarded to the MFP Advisory Committee for consideration
- **Selections will be announced in late Summer 2026.**
- Link to application page:
- [Foundation for the Advancement of Human Systems \(FAHS\) \(smapply.org\)](https://smapply.org)

Minority
Fellowship
Program –
Doctoral and
Dissertation
Completion
(MFP)



Loma Linda University

National University

Loma Linda University

Loma Linda University

The Ohio State University

Lee University

The Ohio State University

Eastern University

Texas Tech University

Kansas State University

Alliant International University

Adler University

University of Georgia

Alliant International University

Brigham Young University

Eastern University

Texas Woman's University

Florida State University

Florida State University

Drexel University

Saint Louis University

Texas Woman's University

Texas Woman's University

East Carolina University

Antioch University New England

Syracuse University

Mount Mercy University



2025-2026 MFP Doctoral Fellows



MFP Program Eligibility

DF Eligibility

- Be a US citizen or have permanent US residence status (I-551 or I-151). **Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible**
- **Application deadline: February 16, 2026, 11:59PM EST**
- Be AAMFT members at the time of selection and for the duration of the Fellowship
- Be in the **first three** years of their academic program;
- Be in the process of completing the required core courses necessary to begin working on their dissertation;
- Be enrolled full-time (as defined by their academic institution) in a Marriage and Family Therapy doctoral program for the duration of the fellowship;
- Demonstrated willingness to engage in research that is not exclusively grounded in DEI or harm reduction frameworks

MFP Program Eligibility

DCF Eligibility

- Be a US citizen or have permanent US residence status (I-551 or I-151).
Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible.
- Be an AAMFT member at the time of selection and for the duration of the Fellowship.
- **Application deadline: February 16, 2026, 11:59PM EST**
- Be in at least the third year of their academic program;
- Have their academic program/institution approve a dissertation proposal no later than **December 15** of the DCF program year.
 - Once admitted, Fellows, must submit the approved dissertation from the chair of committee and the initial chapters to the MFP (including: Literature review and methods chapters)
 - Please note the December 15 date is during the fellowship year.
- Have completed all required pre-dissertation core courses;
- Be enrolled in courses approved by their academic advisor that will fulfill the research requirements needed to complete their dissertation and doctoral degree;
- Demonstrated willingness to engage in research that is not exclusively grounded in DEI or harm reduction frameworks
- Have a dissertation that includes mixed (quantitative and qualitative) research methodology or quantitative research methodology; This dissertation cannot focus on DEI or Harm Reduction Frameworks. Additionally, this must focus on a broad range of populations and should not be limited to one population or group, and must not compare on group to another.
- Be enrolled full-time (as defined by their academic institution) in a Marriage and Family Therapy doctoral program for the duration of the fellowship;

MFP Program Eligibility

US Citizen/ Permanent Resident	Full Time in MFT Program & AAMFT Member	Years in MFT academic program		Pre Dissertation Core Courses		Dissertation Proposal Approved and passed by Dec 15 of DCF application year	Fellowship
		1-3 yrs	3+ yrs	In process of completing	Completed		
X	X	X		X			Doctoral Fellowship
X	X		X		X	X	Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Application Review Process

What are the criteria used to select Fellows?

- Demonstrated commitment to research and/or serve (therapeutic services) in the areas of mental health, substance use, and prevention for communities
- **Application deadline: February 16, 2026, 11:59PM EST**
- Knowledge of behavioral and mental health issues affecting communities in US
- Research and Service Focus to improve behavioral and mental health services (including substance use and prevention) to communities
- Fit between career goals and training environment
- Potential to become a behavioral and mental health service provider, demonstrated through accomplishments and goals
- Demonstrated willingness to engage in research that is not exclusively grounded in DEI or harm reduction frameworks
 - This research should have a broad focus across communities and not be centralized on a specific population.
- Scholarship/GPA/Letters of Recommendation
- Linkage with SAMHSA Strategic Plan
 - Link: <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/strategic-plan>

MFP Application and AI Policy

May students use Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their application?

- Artificial intelligence (AI) is a subfield of computer science concerned with the development of systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, including learning, reasoning, and problem-solving. It encompasses several branches, such as machine learning, deep learning, and natural language processing. AI also includes the subfield of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI), which comprises chatbots and large language models (LLMs).
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Minority Fellowship Program – Masters Program (MFP)




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MINORITY FELLOWSHIP

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2025-2026 MFP Masters Fellows



Lewis and Clark College
Southern Connecticut State University
Northern Illinois University
Lewis & Clark
Seattle Pacific University
Touro University Worldwide
Auburn University
The Chicago School
Oklahoma Baptist University
Texas Woman's University
California State University Northridge
Northwestern University
University of San Diego
Drexel University
Alliant International University
Auburn University
The Ohio State University
Indiana Wesleyan University
Brigham Young University
Christian Theological Seminary
Auburn University
California State University Long Beach
Kansas State University
The Chicago School
Mount Mercy University
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Central Missouri
University of Colorado Denver

MFP Program Eligibility

- US citizens or have permanent US residence status (I-551 or I-151)
- Be enrolled, **Full-Time status**, in a Marriage and Family Therapy Master's program for the duration of the Fellowship (enrollment in MFT program is not needed to apply but will be required upon the start of the fellowship year)
- Demonstrate experience and commitment to working with youth and young adults between the ages of 16-25 for communities
 - This can be done with previous work in behavioral and mental health fields through work or volunteer opportunities (recent)
- AAMFT member at the time of selection
- Individuals supported by other federal training grants are not eligible for support from the MFP.

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Extended Service

- Fellows will be required to sign a letter of commitment attesting that they will work for a period of two (2) years in a capacity that addresses the behavioral health needs of racial and ethnic minority populations.
 - This service commitment begins after all academic training has been completed (ie. graduation)

Stipends

Fellows may be awarded an Educational Stipend of **around \$12,000** for Master Fellows (MFP-Y).

Fellows may be awarded an Educational Stipend of **around \$20,000** for Doctoral Fellows (MFP-Y).

Fellows may be awarded an Educational Stipend of **around \$16,000** for Dissertation Completion Fellows (DCF).

Stipends tied to deliverables.

***Please note, these are the minimum each Fellow would receive**

Amounts listed are for the total FY not per quarter

What Your Portal Will Look Like

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Your tasks

-  MFP Doctoral Fellowship/Dissertation Completion Fellowship Application Form [>](#)
Deadline: Feb 11 2023 11:59 PM (EST)
-  Recommendations [>](#)
Deadline: Feb 11 2023 11:59 PM (EST)
-  Upload your research (Optional) (optional) [>](#)
Deadline: Feb 11 2023 11:59 PM (EST)

Application Information Myths

- I need to be a visible minority (African American, Asian, Hispanic, etc) to apply
 - *No. The Minority Fellowship program is designed to train everyone and help communities regarding mental health, substance use and prevention*
- MFP Staff reviews applications for the Fellowship
 - *MFP Advisory Committee members are solely responsible for content review and ranking of applications*
- I need to attend a COAMFTE accredited MFT program to be eligible for the MFP
 - *No. You can apply as long as your MFT program is housed in a regionally accredited academic institution.*
- I can't apply for the **MFP-D** while I am still in my master's program
 - *Yes, you can, if you're in the last year of your master's program*
- I can't apply for the **MFP-Y** while I am still in my undergraduate program
 - *Yes, you can, if you're in the last year of your undergraduate program*
- Once I am selected in the program, I will be automatically renewed for it
 - *No. Fellows must re-apply and be selected by the AC if they desire to continue in the MFP each program year.*

2026-2027 Application Information FYI

- Please be sure to read **all** instructions before moving on to the next page of the application.
- Read all **eligibility requirements** before choosing the application you should be filling out.
- When doing the recommendation portion of the application, a **link** will be sent to your recommender, and they will have an account.
- **3 recommendations MUST be submitted in order for your application to be completed!**
- Be sure that you read over all your information before **officially** submitting your application.
- The Deadline is: **Monday, February 16, 2026 at 11:59PM EST** all application materials must be submitted by then! No extensions!!
- If you have any questions email: mfp@humansyst.org

Website

- [MFP Fellows Homepage](#):
- [FAHS Website](#): Bios, Profile Pages, Social Media
- Tracking: Forms, social media ([LinkedIn](#)), [AAMFT Membership](#), [SAMHSA](#), [MFPCC](#)
- Internship info: <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/jobs-internships/internships>



Questions?

