Grant Title: MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FELLOWSHIP

Funding Opportunity Number: NA

Agency/Department: American Psychological Association (APA), Minority Fellowship Program, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Area of Research: Fellowship aimed at those pursuing doctoral degrees in clinical, counseling, and school psychology, or other mental health services areas.

Release and Expiration: NA

Application Deadline: Applications accepted until January 15th annually.

Amount: Not listed.

Length of Support: 3 years maximum; must be renewed annually.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be American citizens or permanent resident aliens with an alien registration card (I-151 or I-551). Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible. Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in ethnic minority mental health and substance abuse services. This commitment must be demonstrated in the application essays, graduate school curriculum or training plan, practicum and internship training experiences, and thesis and dissertation topics developed. Applicants should be enrolled full-time in an APA-accredited doctoral program. Students not currently enrolled in an APA-accredited doctoral program may apply as long as they gain acceptance into an APA-accredited doctoral program for the fall term immediately following the application deadline.

Summary: The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Fellowship is a federally funded program to support doctoral training in mental health and substance abuse services to promote culturally competent mental health and substance abuse services provided to ethnic minority populations, to increase the number of ethnic minority psychologists delivering mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic minority populations, and to increase the general knowledge and research of issues related to ethnic minority mental health and substance abuse treatment. The American Psychological Association MFP's mission is to increase the knowledge of, and research related to ethnic minority mental health and to improve the quality of mental health and substance abuse services delivered to ethnic minority populations. The fellowship does this by providing financial support, professional development activities, and professional guidance to students pursuing doctoral degrees in psychology. This mission is consistent with Health People 2010, the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health, and other federal initiatives to reduce health disparities. Funded by a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the MFP has created the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS) fellowship to support the training of practitioners or practitioner/researchers in mental health and substance abuse services and prevention. This fellowship program is directed at students in clinical, counseling, and school psychology, or other psychology doctoral students whose training prepares them to provide counseling, therapy, testing, assessments, etc. An MFP fellowship is more than a simple scholarship that only provides financial support. An MFP fellowship is a professional training appointment into a community of other students and professionals who hold similar professional interests. Indeed, the MFP provides stipends, or living allowances, to students who hold the fellowships. However, we also facilitate professional development and provide professional guidance with the aim of moving students towards high achievement in areas related to ethnic minority mental health research or services.

Detailed Information: [http://www.apa.org/about/awards/mhsas-fellow.aspx](http://www.apa.org/about/awards/mhsas-fellow.aspx)