

2026-2027 AEJMC-MCSD Diversity and Inclusion Career Development Fellowship for Graduate Students



Applications due by Friday, April 10, 2026

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 AEJMC-MCSD Diversity and Inclusion Career Development Fellowship for graduate students from historically underrepresented groups. Sponsored by the AEJMC Committee on Career Development and Mass Communication and Society Division, this fellowship is established to help graduate students with career needs such as diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility among other topics. We welcome applications from students currently enrolled in journalism, media, mass communication, and media studies graduate programs, who will continue to be enrolled as graduate students in the 2026-2027 academic year.

Each fellow will receive a travel grant (up to \$1,200 for expenses on attending the 2026 AEJMC Convention), plus a complimentary conference registration. Selected fellows will also receive professional development and mentorship opportunities (via webinars and regular virtual sessions) from the AEJMC Committee on Career Development and Mass Communication and Society Division during the 2026-2027 year.

Please apply via this Qualtrics link: https://txstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_01YjRGrAmgsPm62 no later than **11:59 P.M.** (Eastern Daylight Time), **Friday, April 10, 2026.**

The application should include:

- A 250-word essay to highlight the applicant's accomplishments and career goals
- Applicant's resume/CV
- One reference letter

Please ask your reference to send a recommendation letter to Dr. Weiwu Zhang, chair of the AEJMC Career Development Committee, at weiwu.zhang@bsu.edu.

Applications will be evaluated based on evidence of or potential for the following factors in your essay, curriculum vitae, and reference letter:

- Outstanding academic/research accomplishment
- Continued advancement as scholars and/or media professionals
- Teaching excellence
- Demonstrated commitment to fostering inclusive learning environments, conducting research that considers diverse populations or perspectives, and engaging in service that supports students from varied backgrounds

Fellowship recipients will be required to attend the career development pre-conference webinar to be hosted by the AEJMC Committee on Career Development and are encouraged to attend other career development-related sessions during the 2026 AEJMC Convention. Fellows also are expected to participate in professional development and mentorship opportunities (via webinars and regular virtual sessions) from the AEJMC Committee on Career Development and Mass Communication and Society Division during the 2026-2027 year (Details on the career development mentorship program will be provided to selected fellows).

For questions related to this fellowship application, contact Dr. Weiwu Zhang, chair of the AEJMC Committee on Career Development, at weiwu.zhang@bsu.edu.

Selections will be made by mid- or late May 2026.