

## Diverse opportunities

Where students can find funding and training targeted toward diversity.

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A wealth of grants, fellowships and mentoring opportunities for research, service and training are available for students underrepresented in psychology and their departments. Here are some:

- APA's **Minority Fellowship Program** provides financial support and professional guidance to doctoral students in psychology and neuroscience. Its ultimate aim is to increase America's knowledge of issues related to ethnic-minority mental health and to improve the quality of mental health treatment delivered to ethnic-minority populations. Included are fellowships funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in mental health and substance abuse services; and fellowships funded by the National Institute of Mental Health in mental health and substance abuse research, HIV/AIDS research and neuroscience. For more information, visit [MFP's Web site](#).
- The Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology (SMEP), a professional association of psychological research scientists, provides full funding for entering grad students and college seniors underrepresented in psychology to attend an annual three-day **Summer Training Workshop in Measurement**. SMEP members help to ground students in the methods of multivariate statistics--that is, in analyzing patterns versus just single variables.

The 2007 workshop will likely be held in San Francisco right before APA's Annual Convention. An application form is available at [www.psychologicalresources.com/SMEP\\_Minority\\_Student\\_Conf\\_App.htm](http://www.psychologicalresources.com/SMEP_Minority_Student_Conf_App.htm) or by contacting program director Herb Eber, PhD, via [e-mail](#).

- Another program for the statistics-shy is the APA Science Directorate's **Advanced Statistical Training in Psychology** program. This nine-day summer program is geared to undergrads from underrepresented groups in psychology, including students of color, first-generation college students and students who have overcome other social, physical or economic barriers to academic excellence and who plan to pursue advanced degrees in psychological research. Students learn about statistics and research methods from award-winning professors at major research institutes who teach in a hands-on, dynamic way. Much of the statistical instruction is geared toward use of computer-assisted statistical packages.

In 2007, the program will be held in Washington, D.C., July 14-22. Participants pay a \$200 registration fee and provide for their own travel, and APA covers the cost of room, board, lectures and labs. However, scholarships are available for those who can't afford the travel and registration fees.

For more information, visit the ASTP Web site at [www.apa.org/science/astp.html](http://www.apa.org/science/astp.html) or contact the Science Directorate at (202) 336-6000; [e-mail](#).

- APA's Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs provides money and travel funds to a doctoral student whose 2005 or 2006 dissertation contributes in an outstanding way to the understanding of, service delivery to, or new thinking on people of color. The award, the **Jeffrey S. Tanaka Memorial Dissertation Award in Psychology**, is named after Jeffrey S. Tanaka, PhD, a psychologist of color whose career emphasized the importance of culture and ethnicity in the scientific understanding of behavior. Judges pick the winner based on creativity and effectiveness of research design. The winner receives a \$500 cash prize, a \$300 travel award and an invitation to present the dissertation at APA's Annual Convention.

To apply, send five copies of a 1,000-word abstract of your dissertation to the APA Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs, at the APA address; (202) 336-6029. Four of the copies should be anonymous, and one copy should include your name, address and daytime telephone number. Please include the dissertation title on all of the copies. The next deadline is April 1.

- APA's **Diversity Project 2000 and Beyond** (DP2kB) is a leadership and mentoring program designed for ethnic-minority honor students attending community colleges. Its aim is to encourage these students to become professional psychologists in practice, education or research. DP2kB occurs two days before and two days during APA's Annual Convention and offers full grants for out-of-state students and partial grants for local students admitted into the program.

For more information, visit [APA Oema Programs](#).

- APA's Disability Issues Office offers a **mentoring program** that brings psychology students with disabilities, disabled psychologists entering the field and newly disabled psychologists together with APA-member psychologists with disabilities who provide educational and professional mentoring support. The application contains terms and conditions of participation. For more information, visit [www.apa.org/pi/disability/mentoring/about.html](http://www.apa.org/pi/disability/mentoring/about.html).
- The Minority Affairs Committee of Div. 41 (American Psychology-Law Society) has created an **Ambassadors Program** to recruit minority undergraduates to graduate study in psychology and law. The program will send psychology and law experts to historically black colleges and Hispanic-serving institutions to introduce students to the field and develop mentoring pipelines between the institutions and graduate psychology and law programs. The experts will meet with students and present their specialty areas of research within psychology and law, as well as provide students with an overview of the field, information on relevant graduate programs and the opportunity to discuss career options. For more information, or to volunteer to serve as an expert, contact Roslyn M. Caldwell, PhD, Minority Affairs Committee chair, via [e-mail](#).
- APA's Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training (CEMRRAT) offers small-grants funding for innovative departmental minority recruitment, retention and training initiatives. Applications are funded on a first-come, first-served basis. The 2007 grant cycle began on Jan. 1.

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