

Graduate Research Fellowship

The American Institute for Boys and Men is pleased to announce its Graduate Student Research Fellowship program. These fellowships aim to support graduate students whose research interests align with the Institute's mission to enhance the wellbeing of boys and men through rigorous and objective research. Each fellowship provides \$10,000 per year for up to 2 years.

Funding

The fellowship funds can be used for a variety of purposes related to research, including but not limited to: conducting interviews, field work, or experiments; paying study participants; or purchasing data. They can also be used for stipend support, conferences, travel, and fees. It may also support the contributions of project collaborators. Our grants cannot cover indirect overhead.

Eligibility

The fellowships are open to graduate students currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program at an accredited university in the United States. Students may be at the dissertation phase and seeking support, but they do not have to be.

We welcome applications from a variety of disciplines, including economics, political science, sociology, psychology, public policy, and education. It is open to those doing both qualitative and quantitative work.

Selection

Currently, we are particularly interested in upcoming scholars whose research would help us:

- understand the causes and consequences of declining employment and labor force participation among men, particularly those without a four-year degree,
- understand the effects of online gambling, gaming, and pornography on boys and men,
- advance a modern, inclusive, strengths-based vision of fatherhood, and
- build evidence for solutions that strengthen social connection, belonging, and civic engagement among young men.

We will also consider proposals related to education, mental and physical health, or other topics. If you are excited about an idea but aren't sure it's within scope, we still encourage you to apply.

We aim to build a robust field of study and cohort of scholars focused on the unique challenges and opportunities facing boys and men and are looking for applicants with a demonstrated

interest in the topic and the ability to make contributions to the field, now and in the future. The best proposals will have close alignment with the Institute's mission, interesting and rigorous possible research agendas, and high potential to inform policies and practices that benefit boys and men.

Outputs

As part of this fellowship, participants will be expected to produce annually:

- A research paper, policy paper, or brief for AIBM on a mutually agreed topic. This will typically include some original descriptive analyses, program evaluation, policy proposal or similar.
- A short summary of work undertaken during the year, including ideas for future research directions or other potential research partners for AIBM.
- A presentation of the key findings for an internal or external audience.

How to Apply

Interested candidates shall submit the following to admin@aibm.org with the subject line "Student Fellow Application" by December 15, 2026. We expect grants to be made in January 2027.

- **A personal statement (~2-3 pages)** that includes:
 - a. A discussion of your interest in issues related to boys and men and the scope of your interest in this field.
 - b. A brief proposal that includes details on your possible project(s) related to boys and men, including motivation, potential research design, and policy implications;
 - c. An explanation of possible deliverables, whether that's your dissertation, an academic paper, policy brief, conference presentation, or something else (see above),
 - d. A brief budget description that explains what the funds would cover and what existing sources of support are already secured.
- **Curriculum Vitae:** An updated CV highlighting relevant academic and professional experience.
- **Contact information for two references**

Application Deadline: December 15, 2026

For any questions regarding the fellowship or the application process, please contact admin@aibm.org. We look forward to supporting the next generation of scholars dedicated to advancing the wellbeing of boys and men through innovative and impactful research.