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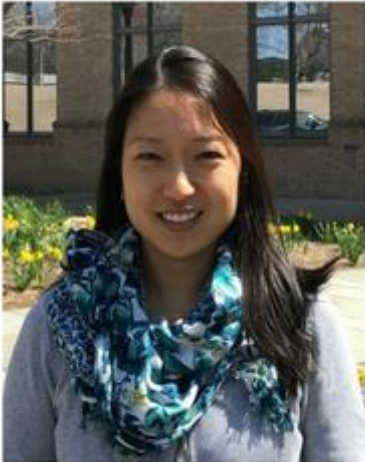
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Nancy Chae Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Fairfax, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Nancy Chae, of Fairfax, Virginia, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Chae will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations.

The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant first awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in August 2012. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP, as well as training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally

competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$20,000 to Chae and the 22 other doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Chae is a graduate of the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, and of Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at the College of William & Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Chae is interested in researching effective school counseling practices, professional development related to International Baccalaureate programming, and supporting underrepresented student populations, including first-generation to college, minority, and low-income students. Previously, Chae worked as a school counselor in Baltimore City Public Schools for six years, serving at the elementary/middle and high school levels. She also has experience in school counseling curriculum development, high school admissions, and International Baccalaureate programming. Currently, Chae is a doctoral student at the College of William & Mary and a Holmes Scholar, and she is also involved in various faculty-led projects related to school counseling, creativity, and gifted education. In addition, Chae is an intern in the New Horizons Family Counseling Center, which serves families in the surrounding Williamsburg area. She is also a teaching intern for various master's-level courses and supervises counseling students. The fellowship will help Chae to engage in research and advocacy for underserved minority populations. Specifically, she plans to research school counselors' facilitation of social justice-focused services that promote equitable educational and social/emotional outcomes for all students. This fellowship will help Chae to get involved in counseling organizations, engage in scholarly activities, and receive training and mentorship to enhance her ability for research that serves underserved minority populations.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$8,000 master's-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y) and 34 master's-level fellowships of up to \$11,000 through the [MFP-Addictions Counselors](#) (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2018. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows.

ABOUT THE NBCC FOUNDATION

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 64,000 board-certified counselors in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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