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### Conor S. Yeomans Awarded \$15,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Williamsburg, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Conor S. Yeomans, of Williamsburg, Virginia, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Yeomans will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his addictions counseling service to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation in collaboration with the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The NBCC Foundation administers the MFP-AC, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all board certified counselors. The goal of the program is to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC Foundation will distribute \$15,000 to Yeomans and the other 39 master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Yeomans is a graduate of James Madison University and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health and addiction counseling program at The College of William & Mary. Upon graduation, Yeomans intends to work with minority populations whose addictions have led them to incarceration. He plans to help these individuals transition back into society and develop positive and meaningful coping mechanisms that allow them to thrive. By working with the criminal justice system and advocating for this underserved population, Yeomans hopes to help change the landscape of how we treat addiction. Earning this fellowship will allow Yeomans to attend counseling conferences and connect with other like-minded professionals, helping to progress counseling services and improve the life outcomes of these often marginalized individuals.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 20 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the MFP and 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M). The NBCC Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in fall 2020. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows](http://nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows).

\*Biographical information provided by the awardee.

#### 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 66,000 board certified counselors in the United States and more than 50 countries. The NBCC Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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