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Dwayne Maurice White, Jr. Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Miami, FL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Dwayne Maurice White, Jr., of Miami, Florida, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Doctoral Counselors (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Doctoral Fellow, White will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his service to underserved populations.

The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The NBCC Foundation administers the MFP, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all board certified counselors. 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 Foundation will distribute \$20,000 to White and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. White is a graduate of Fort Valley State University and Columbus State University, and he is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Auburn University. White is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) with more than six years of experience providing assistance to community and governmental organizations in counseling, advocacy, operations management, and program development and implementation. He currently works as a graduate teaching and research assistant at Auburn University and part-time as a case manager therapist at a crisis stabilization hospital in Columbus, Georgia. His dedication to social justice and advocacy is reflected in an undergraduate advocacy course he co-developed and is currently teaching at Auburn, and in the Irreducible Black Male Group he created at Auburn that provides a safe space for Black males to actualize their agency.

White's primary research interest is investigating the self-authorship of LGBTQ+ POC as they negotiate their social identities within stigmatizing sociocultural environments. In particular, he hopes to raise awareness about the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ POC, critique hegemonic social structures that reduce their agency, and understand how they resist hegemonic social structures through meaning-making. The NBCC Minority Fellowship Program will remove financial barriers for White and provide leadership programming that will assist him in gaining the skills needed to improve the lives of underserved populations. Ultimately, this fellowship will assist White in continuing to use his platform to serve and affect change in the lives of others.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M) and 40 [master's-level fellowships](#) of \$15,000 through the MFP for Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The NBCC Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2020. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit 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 over 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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