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### Jamian S. Coleman Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From the NBCC Foundation



Atlanta, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Jamian S. Coleman, of Atlanta, Georgia, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Doctoral Counselors (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Doctoral Fellow, Coleman 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 Coleman and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Coleman is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory at Berklee and Samford University, and he is both a graduate of and currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Georgia State University. Coleman is interested in researching the correlates and predictors of quality of life and chronic illness in minority populations, particularly the impact of perceived discrimination, stress, and forgiveness on quality of life for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and in recovery from substance use. He is currently a graduate assistant at Georgia State University, where one of his roles is investigating the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ persons.

Coleman is also a certified rehabilitation counselor and provides counseling services to underserved minority community populations, specifically those that have been impacted by HIV/AIDS and are in recovery from substance use. This fellowship will help him further develop and implement his research area focused on minority populations, with the goal of having a lasting impact on their overall mental health and daily quality of life through direct service, engagement in the community, advocacy endeavors, and education and trainings. This fellowship will assist Coleman in gaining additional training to provide competent services to minority populations, help him gain greater access to and involvement with professional organizations, as well as necessary professional trainings focused on minority populations.

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](http://nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows).

\*Biographical information provided by the awardee.

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## 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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