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Janelle L. Jones Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Indianapolis, IN—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Janelle L. Jones, of Indianapolis, Indiana, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Jones 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 awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation administers the MFP, including 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 Foundation will distribute \$20,000 to Jones and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Jones is a graduate of Georgia State University, in Atlanta, and of Indiana University, in Bloomington, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa. Jones is interested in researching black older adult's interactions with mental health services, and understanding the span of racial trauma black baby boomers have experienced from the civil rights era to the Black Lives Matter movement and the ways in which racial trauma has impacted their mental health across their life span. She is hoping to advocate for aging populations through research and eventually creating and teaching curriculum to support gerontological counseling education. Jones is currently a counseling intern providing mental health services to minority populations and co-teaches classes within her department. This fellowship will assist Jones in becoming more involved in her research area via community involvement, advocating for the underserved aging adult population, continuing her education, acquiring training, and conducting outreach activities. It will also help her become more immersed in professional organizations and attend counseling conferences to connect with professionals striving to serve 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-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2019. 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 66,000 board certified counselors in the United States and over 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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