



Doctoral Fellowship Award Description and Eligibility Criteria

The Dr. Antronette (Toni) Yancey and Darlene Edgley Fellowship for Health Promotion, Physical Fitness and Community Health Education seeks to fund research that focuses on fighting obesity-related health disparities in underserved communities and minority populations. The Fellowship funds doctoral-level research that integrates effective public health strategies to influence positive changes in the health of communities; specifically, reducing the disproportionately high risk of obesity and related chronic diseases (e.g. cancer, hypertension, diabetes, etc.) among underserved communities and minority populations. Research which demonstrates the potential for measurable, observable impact in improving the health prospects of underserved communities and minority populations within the U.S. are given the strongest consideration.

Accepting applications for 2020-2021

Application deadline: January 10th, 2021

Award amount: \$10,000

Who may apply for the Doctoral Fellowship Award?

Doctoral students from historically underrepresented racial and/or ethnic groups (see **"FAQs"** for details), who have completed their qualifying exams of their doctoral program, and whose research interest focuses on:

- (1) Issues of obesity and related chronic disease prevention, which are addressed through physical activity (e.g. Instant Recess®), influencing policy change, community-engagement, user-friendly strategies, and other health behaviors (e.g. nutrition) with the ultimate goals of reducing the disproportionately high risk of obesity and related chronic diseases (e.g. cancer, hypertension, diabetes) among underserved populations;
- (2) Working with underserved minority populations within the U.S.; and
- (3) Using community-engaged research.

As a note, awardees agree to participate in periodic regular updates and contribute to assessment activities designed to record the impact of the Fellowship.