



Vivian A. and James L. Curtis Endowed Scholarship

I. Purpose and Eligibility

This award is available to new and continuing students in the Joint Doctoral Program. It is being made available under the Vivian A. and James L. Curtis Endowed Scholars fund and carries a value of \$18,000 which may be awarded to up to two doctoral students. To be eligible for the award, a student must be in good standing and his or her research must focus on minority populations with low income and education, with a preference for research on issues faced by African American males.

Students are eligible to receive the Vivian A. and James L. Curtis Endowed Scholarship as well as the Henry Meyer Award (and this may occur in the same year).

II. Form of Support

For 2025-2026, a \$22,000 award (\$11,000 each) will be made to up to two Doctoral students in the form of tuition or stipend support.

III. Application Materials

The following application materials are required:

1. Application coversheet
2. One page letter describing your past work on current Doctoral studies with respect minority populations with low income and education, with a preference for research on issues faced by African American males.
3. One to three pages:
 - i. Describe your research goals for the next five years and how you plan to continue to work in these areas.
 - ii. Describe, if carried out, how your research goals will make an original contribution to research on in these areas.
 - iii. Describe, if carried out, what the likely research/theory/policy implications (all that apply) of your research will be in these areas.
4. Letter of support from a faculty member (**you may use the same letter for multiple SW awards**)
5. Curricula Vitae

IV. Review Process

The Doctoral Committee will evaluate the application materials. The criterion they will use is the extent to which the student's past work, current Doctoral studies, research plans, and future career goals to focus on minority populations with low income and education, with a preference for research on issues faced by African American males.

It is anticipated that the review and decision-making will occur by the beginning of November.

V. Deadline for Application Materials

September 23, 2025



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Application Coversheet

Student Name: _____ UMID: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Social Science Discipline:

- Anthropology Psychology Sociology

Faculty Advisor: _____

Nominated By (Faculty Member): _____

Attach the following required materials:

1. Application coversheet
2. One page letter describing your past work on current Doctoral studies with respect minority populations with low income and education, with a preference for research on issues faced by African American males.
3. One to three pages describing: (a) your five-year research plan, (b) how your plan will contribute to research in this area, and (c) the potential implications of this plan for research in this area.
4. Letter of support from a faculty member
5. Curricula Vitae

Deadline: September 23, 2025

Submit this form along with the required materials electronically to:

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