Mission & Vision

Since the inception of the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) in 2007 under the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Research and Education Foundation, the MFP has sought to increase the number of culturally competent marriage and family therapy (MFT) professionals who will provide direct mental health and substance abuse services to racial and ethnic minority and underrepresented populations, conduct research, and teach in these areas.

The MFP Fellows express a desire and a commitment to improving and providing mental health and substance use services to racial and ethnic minority and underrepresented populations over a lifetime. An extended commitment of 2 years of service is required of each Fellow, after completing all academic training.

Fellow Demographics

- American Indian/Alaskan: 3%
- Asian/Asian American: 14%
- African American: 43%
- Hispanic/Latino: 16%
- Multi-ethnic: 2%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Caucasian: 19%

Fellow Ethnicity/Race (doctoral)

MFP Fellow Gender

- Male: 17%
- Female: 83%

Who May Apply

- Undergraduate Seniors (social science majors)
- Graduate students (MFT/CFT, Family Therapy, Psychology, Human Development and Consumer Science programs)
- COAMFTE and non-COAMFTE Accredited Programs
- Must be full-time student (status) during Fellowship year (graduation must be spring/summer)
- Students who desire to practice as an LMFT (sit for LMFT exam) after academic training

Key Funding

- $7.4 million Projected Funding, SAMHSA (2023)
- $21,000* Doctoral Fellowship Funding
- $10,000** Dissertation Fellow Funding
- $6,000* Masters (Youth) Fellow Funding

* funding availability is subject to change due to the total financial support from SAMHSA.

Application Materials

- Personal Essays 2
- Recommendation Letters 3
- Application Webinars 4 (Optional)
- Dissertation Information
- Mixed Methods/Quantitative (If applying for DCF)
- Supplemental Information
- Academic Transcripts, GPA, Resume, CV, Cover Letter, Volunteer Experience, Paid Experience

Application Website

www.aamft.fluidreview.com

Yearly Fellow Count

- Masters Fellow Count: 40
- Doctoral Fellow Count: 25

MFP Engagement Options

- AAMFT Foundation
- MFP Advisory Board
- Ad-Hoc Committee
- MFP Mentor
- Research/Training Presenter
- MFP Think Tank
- MFP Training Institute
- MFP Intensive Training Institute
- MFP Online Training Webinars