



BREITMAN-DORN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2025 Requirements Document

Open Date: February 3, 2025

Deadline: March 3, 2025

The Breitman-Dorn Endowed Research Fellowship was established in 1998 through a generous donation from Jerald A. Breitman in memory of his partner Stephen Dorn to advance the PA profession and its role in healthcare. The fellowship recognizes and supports doctoral candidates who are making a contribution to research on the PA profession or the influence of PAs on medical care.

The Breitman-Dorn Endowed Research Fellowship is a cash award, not a grant. It is not a requirement that the recipient use the money to offset doctoral expenses. The award amount is \$4,500 for the 2025 cycle.

Applicant Requirements

- The applicant's research must address the role or contributions of PAs in healthcare; i.e., the research must focus on PA issues and benefit PAs and/or the PA profession. It is not a requirement that the research must focus *exclusively* on PAs or the PA profession.
- It is not a requirement that the applicant must be a PA. Doctoral candidates from any discipline are welcome to submit an application.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program and working toward a doctoral degree.
- Applicants must have an approved doctoral dissertation proposal topic.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing.

Fellowship Recipient Requirements

- The recipient must complete his or her dissertation within three years of the award.
- The recipient must provide a copy of the completed dissertation to the PA Foundation.
- The PA Foundation should be notified of any address changes.

Application Requirements

You will be asked to upload the following materials as part of the online application:

- A signed copy of the Graduate Program Reference Form (verifies applicant is enrolled in the stated graduate program, is in good academic standing, has advanced to doctoral candidacy, and has an approved dissertation proposal – to be signed by principal dissertation advisor)
- A one-page letter from the chair of the dissertation committee stating that the candidate is approved to go forward with research for the dissertation. The letter should include a

description of the current status of the research project.

- Applicant's current headshot
- Current unofficial graduate academic transcript
- Abstract(s) of recent and relevant publication(s) authored or co-authored by the applicant (three maximum)
- Current résumé/curriculum vitae

You will be asked to provide essay responses to the following prompts:

1. Provide a description of the proposed research that includes the following:
 - Introduction
 - Purpose and significance
 - Literature review
 - Research design
 - Plan for evaluation of results

If you are a re-applicant for this fellowship, describe what is different in this proposal and/or how you have progressed in your research since your previous application.

Response should not exceed 1,000 words.

2. Explain your personal commitment to research on or about the PA profession and outline your career plans for the next five years.
Response should not exceed 500 words.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is March 3, 2025. Please apply online via link provided. Do not include information or documents that are not requested. Any such additional information will not be provided to the selection committee.

Questions? Contact Caroline Pierce at cpierce@aapa.org or 571.319.4510.