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The [American Institute of CPAs](#) (AICPA) has announced the 27 recipients of the 2017-2018 Fellowship for Minority Doctoral Students. The program aims to increase the number of minority CPAs teaching in the classroom across the country. Each fellowship recipient will receive funding in recognition of their strong leadership skills and their commitment to education in the accounting profession.

“One of the best ways to foster increased diversity in the accounting profession is by working to increase the number of diverse faculty in the classroom,” said Randy Fletchall, CPA and president of the AICPA Foundation Board of Trustees. “This fellowship allows doctoral students with diverse backgrounds and different perspectives to pursue careers in academia and ultimately serve as role models and mentors to students.”

The 2017-2018 Minority Doctoral Fellowship recipients are listed below in

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- Chevonne Alston (Herring), University of Mississippi
- Andria Hill, University of Central Florida
- Ethan LaMothe, University of South Carolina
- Carissa Malone, Virginia Tech University
- Sydnee Manley, University of Mississippi
- Christina Ruiz Mueller, Arizona State University
- Ann Mungai, Florida Atlantic University
- Patricia Navarro-Velez, University of Central Florida
- Clay Partridge, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Christian S. Paparcuri, Arizona State University
- Iguehi Rajskey, Temple University
- Edgar Rodriguez, University of Washington
- Giovani Rodriguez Martinez, Texas Tech University
- Andrea Rozario, Rutgers University
- Nuria Seijas, University of Arizona
- Syrena Shirley, Pennsylvania State University
- Justin C. Short, University of Tennessee
- Phylcia G. Taylor, Jackson State University
- Andrea Tillet, Florida State University
- Kimberly Walker, University of Wisconsin-Madison

All Minority Doctoral Fellowship applicants must be ethnic minorities and citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. They must also have earned a master's degree or completed at least 3 years of full-time experience in the accounting profession. In addition, they must plan to pursue a CPA license.

The 2018-19 application will be available on March 1st, 2018. For a full list of requirements, visit [AICPA's website](#).

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