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The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Foundation granted fellowships to 25 minority doctoral students as part of its effort to increase diversity among educators in accounting programs.

The funding comes from the AICPA Fellowship for Minority Doctoral Students program, which serves to bolster racial and ethnic diversity and inclusiveness among accounting educators at colleges and universities. It provides \$12,000 to each student, renewable for up to an additional four years, assuming students continue to meet [eligibility requirements](#).

“The AICPA believes that increasing the number of diverse CPAs in the classroom is

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“The AICPA Foundation is happy to support these individuals as they become educators. They exemplify the success-driven diverse and inclusive atmosphere within the profession and will have the opportunity to give back to the profession by

inspiring the next generation of CPAs,” said Ernie Almonte, CPA, CGMA, AICPA

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The Minority Doctoral Fellowship is one of [several AICPA initiatives](#) aimed at cultivating a diverse and inclusive accounting profession. In addition to helping to diversify faculty, we also focus on increasing, developing and supporting ethnically diverse students in the profession through our [Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop](#) (ASLW). The AICPA launched ASLW in 1994 and it offers ethnic minority junior and senior college students three days of leadership, career exploration, and CPA preparation. Also, the [AICPA Scholarship Award for Minority Accounting Students](#), part of the [AICPA Legacy Scholars program](#), provides funding to outstanding minority students studying accounting.

The Minority Doctoral Fellowships are funded by the [AICPA Foundation](#).

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