Project MALES Graduate Scholars Program

Project MALES (Mentoring to Achieve Latino Educational Success) is now accepting applications for the Project MALES Graduate Scholars Program (PM-GSP) for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. The mission of PM-GSP is to support the academic and career advancement of emerging scholars whose research is focused on improving the educational outcomes of boys and men of color. Up to four scholars will be selected for the 2021-22 Graduate Scholars Program, and they will receive an award of $500 each to be used to support their research.

Application Eligibility, Criteria, & Commitments

To be eligible to apply for the PM-GSP, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Individuals must be enrolled in a doctoral degree program (e.g., Ph.D. or Ed.D.) within any field.
2. Individuals who have advanced to candidacy and are at the dissertation stage.
3. Individuals whose research and/or dissertation topic focuses on Men of Color in education (e.g., K-12 students, college students, teachers, faculty, administrators).
4. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate their need for mentorship and who can articulate how they would benefit from a mentoring relationship with a Project MALES Faculty or Research Affiliate.
5. All U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and U.S. permanent residents (holders of a Permanent Resident Card), as well as individuals granted deferred action status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, political asylees, and refugees, regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Scholars selected for the 2021-22 PM-GSP will commit to the following terms:

1. Be assigned a mentor from the Project MALES Faculty & Research Affiliates program.
2. Build a relationship with their faculty or research affiliate through regularly scheduled meetings and interactions.
3. Attend monthly professional development sessions with PM Scholars Cohort.
4. Submit a 2-page research brief of your final dissertation at the end of the 2021-2022 academic year. This research brief will be published in the Project MALES Research Brief series.

5. Submit professional headshot, brief bio (150 words), and research interest blurb to be highlighted through Project MALES website and social media.

6. Help promote their selection as a PM-GSP Scholar through social media or other outlets.

7. We strongly encourage PM-GSP Scholars to present their research work at regional and national conferences.

Application Process

The application will require the following items:

1. Application Form
2. Research Statement (2 double-spaced pages, max)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Recommendation Form: Preferably from the student’s faculty adviser, but others are welcomed (e.g., supervisor, mentor, other faculty, etc.)

NOTE: Please submit all documents in PDF format. To avoid confusion, please label each document using the following format: (Document Type_First Name_Last Name).

Submit all application materials by **Friday, August 20, 2021, 11:59 pm (CST)**. Applications with missing files and/or late applications will not be considered.

Click **HERE** for the application.

Project MALES will announce final decisions by late September 2021. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact us at projectmales@austin.utexas.edu.