



## Apply to be a 2026 BPD BSW Student Fellow!

Serving as a *fellow* is an academic honor that provides support, training, and leadership opportunities for a selected group of outstanding participants. This year BPD will launch its second cohort of BSW Student Fellows for the 2026 academic year. Student fellows will collaborate with leaders from the Student Fellows Committee in engaging with the Committee's invited session, supporting the student conference, and supporting new student attendees. Serving in this role provides several benefits, including a travel stipend, free conference registration, free networking dinner, and leadership development opportunities. The following sections provide further details about how this opportunity benefits students, what responsibilities are required of fellows, and how you can apply for this outstanding opportunity!

### **How will this benefit you?**

- You will receive a \$500 stipend to support your travel to the 2026 BPD conference.
- You will receive complimentary registration for the conference.
- You will provide leadership to the development and implementation of the 2026 BPD student conference.
- You will be invited to participate in the special session hosted by the Student Fellows Committee to support students in navigating the conference.
- You will have the opportunity to network with faculty members and student fellows over a free dinner at the BPD conference.
- You can include this nationally recognized honor on your resume or CV.

### **What will be required of you?**

- You must attend the 2026 BPD conference and be available to participate in all relevant presentations and activities for the Student Fellows and Student Conference.
- You must participate in 2 pre-conference virtual planning sessions with the Chair(s) of the Student Fellows Committee and other BPD Student Fellows, and one post-conference debrief meeting. The debrief meeting will be scheduled later, but in applying students are committing to attending the following pre-conference virtual meetings.
  - January 30<sup>th</sup> 12:30-2 MST
  - February 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30-2 MST
- You will contribute leadership to relevant programming at the BPD conference, which may include additional presentation opportunities, development of communication materials, student introductions, or other duties as is fitting for programmatic needs and relevant student skills.
- You will serve as an ambassador to support BSW students attending the BPD conference.

## How can I apply?

Please submit the following materials to Ann Obermann [aoberma1@msudenver.edu](mailto:aoberma1@msudenver.edu) . Applications are due **Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2026!**

- A cover page that includes: Name, email address, phone number, University/College name, name and contact information for faculty advisor.
- Confirm that you are able to meet the requirements of this fellowship.
- 2-3 page personal statement that describes:
  - Tell us about your status in your social work program. (e.g., sophomore? Senior? Currently doing an internship? Area of focus, if any? When do you plan to graduate? What do you plan to do after you complete your degree?)
  - Why are you interested in this role?
  - What (if any) previous experience with BPD or other professional conferences do you have? How would this, or other relevant experience, inform your work in this role?
  - What skills and interests would you bring to this role?
  - How will you work with members of a team in this role?
- Current resume or CV

For further information about the BPD Student Fellows, please feel free to contact BPD 2026 Student Conference and Student Fellows Chairs Dr. K Scherrer ([ksherrer3@msudenver.edu](mailto:ksherrer3@msudenver.edu)) or Dr. Ann Obermann LCSW ([aoberma1@msudenver.edu](mailto:aoberma1@msudenver.edu))

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