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## The Robert A. Catlin/David W. Long Memorial Fellowship - 2021

**Deadline: Friday, April 16, 2021, 11:59 p.m. PST**

### Mission Statement of the Planning and the Black Community Division (PBCD)

To provide a forum for planners, administrators, public officials, students, and other APA members **to address issues of significant to the Black Community**; and promote knowledge exchange between members and other organizations, encourage and support professional development among Black planners, and provide career information.

### The Purpose

Named after committed planners and long-standing PBCD members, The Robert A. Catlin/David W. Long Memorial Scholarship is designed to foster an increased interest in the profession of urban Planning among African-American Students. A goal of the scholarship is to encourage the pursuit and achievement of African-American graduate students entering the urban planning profession. Another goal is to create a critical mass of African-American planning professionals who support one another and to provide new perspectives on issues facing the communities that they serve.

### Eligibility Criteria

The \$1,500 scholarship is available to:

- African-American/Black undergraduate students who are applying to, or who have been accepted and plan to enroll into, an urban planning program for graduate studies;
- African-American/Black graduate student who are majoring in urban planning or a related field (geography, environmental studies, urban studies, urban policy, etc.)
- Students cannot be enrolled in the last semester of a graduate planning program.

Students applying to graduate programs must show proof of acceptance and intent to enroll if awarded the fellowship. The applicant should be in good academic standing and an active member of their community. The fellowship will be awarded to a student only one time during their tenure in a planning program.

### Application Process

The applicant should submit **ONE** application package that includes the following materials:

- Fellowship Application Form – this form can be found here: [APA Planning & the Black Community Division](#)
- Personal Statement/Essay Question
- Proof of enrollment in graduate program, list of graduate programs applied to, or acceptance to graduate program
- A letter of recommendation (must be sent directly to the review committee)

**INCOMPLETE AND LATE PACKAGES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

All materials must be received by PBCD via e-mail at [info\\_PBCD@planning.org](mailto:info_PBCD@planning.org) **by 11:59 PM PST on Friday April 16, 2021**

A review committee comprised of members of the division shall review applications and select a recipient. The anticipated notification date will be in May 2021. The selected recipient will also be recognized at the Planning and Black Community Division (PBCD) Annual Business Meeting scheduled for May 5, 2021 during the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference NPC21.

### Contact

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