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# Data Innovation Project *Applied Research Fellowship*

## Student Application 2026–2027

This application is for University of Southern Maine (USM) graduate students who wish to apply to be an Applied Research Fellow for the 2026–2027 academic year. To learn more about the program visit the Data Innovation Project [website](#).

The Data Innovation Project will be offering **up to five paid fellowship positions** for the 2026–2027 academic year. This program is fully remote/virtual.

### Application Process and Guidelines

Please complete this online application and upload a letter of intent, resume/CV with two references, and a short writing sample (no more than 5 pages; it can be an excerpt).

In your letter of intent, please expand upon your qualifications and address:

- What you hope to get out of the applied research fellowship.

- Your research experience, and if applicable, any program evaluation experience.
- Any relevant community-based or non-profit work experiences you have had.

## **Eligibility**

Must be a graduate student at USM. Maine Law students, students in certificate-only programs, and University of Maine students are not eligible.

To be selected and maintain the fellowship you must:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Enroll in 6 graduate credits or more during each semester of the fellowship
- Be matriculated in a Masters-level graduate degree program at USM
- Remain in good academic standing and be making acceptable progress towards their degree
- Not be a University of Maine System employee
- While not required, it is preferred that students have completed at least 2 graduate-level courses.

## **Selection Process**

Applicants are selected by DIP staff based on their research skills and experience, experience working with community organizations, and the quality of their application. Applied Research Fellows will be matched with community organizations based on skills and experience and the organization's needs. Please be descriptive and clear in your goals, intentions, interest areas, and relevant experiences to aid in the matching process.

## Deadline

The deadline to apply for the 2026–2027 Applied Research Fellowship is **Friday, June 5, 2026**. Final decisions and notifications to selected applicants are expected mid–July.

## Instructions

- To apply, please fill out the following application and upload:
  - Letter of intent
  - Resume/CV with 2 professional references
  - Short writing sample (no more than 5 pages; it can be an excerpt).
- **Only complete applications will be considered.**

*If you have any questions about the application, the process, or the Applied Research Fellowship in general, please contact Emilie Swenson at [emilie.swenson@maine.edu](mailto:emilie.swenson@maine.edu).*

Thank you for your interest in the program!

## Block 1

First name

Last name

Student ID number

Personal contact information

Address

City/Town

State

Zip/Postal code

E-mail address

Phone number

Program of study

Residency Status

- In-state or Canadian
- Out-of-state

Academic advisor

Expected date of graduation (MM/DD/YY)

Please list any relevant coursework (specify if you have taken any courses in evaluation, research methods, or statistics and at what level - graduate or undergraduate).

Please indicate your current level of skill in each of the following areas:

	No experience	Beginner	Intermediate	Expert
Research skills (such as Lexis/Nexis, JSTOR, standard library searching, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data cleaning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Database management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quantitative methods (types of analysis such as multiple regression, descriptive statistics, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Qualitative methods (such as focus groups, interviewing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Statistical software (e.g. Excel, SPSS, SAS, Stata, R)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Program evaluation and monitoring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Logic models	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	No experience	Beginner	Intermediate	Expert
Literature reviews	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data visualization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group facilitation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## LETTER OF INTENT

Please upload a brief letter that in addition to expanding upon your qualifications also addresses the prompts below: What do you hope to get out of the Applied Research Fellowship? Briefly describe your research experience, and if applicable, any program evaluation experience. Briefly describe any community-based or non-profit work experiences you have had.

## RESUME / CV and REFERENCES

Please upload a resume or CV that includes all relevant research and nonprofit /community organization experience. Include 2 professional references.

## WRITING SAMPLE

Please upload a short writing sample (no more than 5 pages; it can be

an excerpt).

How did you hear about the Fellowship program?

- Search engine
- Data Innovation Project (DIP) website
- DIP newsletter
- MANP newsletter
- MPC newsletter
- Friend/classmate/colleague
- Email from my academic department
- Office of Graduate Studies website
- Facebook
- Word of mouth
- Other, please write in:

This is the end of the application form. Please use the button below to submit your entry.

If you are not ready to submit, simply exit this page. When you are ready to complete your application, use the [link/URL on our website](#) to come back to where you left off.

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