



## **Open Call: PRRI Public Fellowship 2025-2026**

The **PRRI Public Fellows program**, founded in 2017, promotes and supports interdisciplinary public scholarship through a cohort of emerging scholar-leaders from across the humanities, humanistic social sciences, and empirical social sciences. The program expanded in the academic year 2021-2022 as part of PRRI's Religion and Renewing Democracy Initiative with support from the Mellon Foundation and the Henry Luce Foundation.

For the 2025-2026 fellowship year, the program will include 12 scholars working across four major areas of PRRI's work: racial justice and white supremacy; immigration and migration; reproductive health and rights; and LGBTQ rights.

The PRRI Public Fellows program will offer a \$5,000 annual stipend for each fellow and annual microgrants of \$12,500 in each area of research to foster collaborative new scholarship and professional relationships among the cohort. View the open call for our 2025-2026 cohort of PRRI Public Fellows below.

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### **Open Call for Fellows PRRI (Public Religion Research Institute)**

**The application deadline is Friday, July 25, 2025.**

PRRI is announcing an opportunity to join a diverse cohort of 12 non-residential Public Fellows who are engaged in public scholarship at the intersection of religion, culture, and politics.

PRRI Public Fellows will work alongside the organization's research and communications staff during the 2025-2026 academic year (September to July). This 11-month fellowship includes a stipend, support for a course release during the spring semester, and access to microgrants to support collaborative research. The fellowship will benefit scholars who want to shape their work for broader public consumption, receive communications support for placing public-facing work in top-tier media outlets, and integrate quantitative data into their research and teaching. Successful fellows will be eligible to apply for a one-time renewal at the end of the program year; however, renewal is not guaranteed.

The organization is seeking applicants whose research agendas align with one of four principal vectors of PRRI's ongoing work: 1) racial justice and white supremacy; 2) immigration and migration; 3) LGBTQ rights; and 4) reproductive health and rights. In each area of scholarship, PRRI will select three Public Fellows.

The ideal candidates are mid-career scholars (three to twelve years out from earning a terminal degree) who have an aptitude and track record of socially engaged or public scholarship. PRRI is seeking a diverse cohort in terms of academic disciplines (humanities, humanistic social sciences, and empirical social sciences, including sociology, religious studies, political science, history, ethnic studies, American studies, and literary studies); research methods (qualitative and mixed methods); types of institutions (college, university, seminary, or a research institute

housed within an academic institution); and geographic location. **Mixed-method scholars are strongly encouraged to apply.** Additionally, PRRI encourages applications from women, people of color, and other members of under-represented groups who will contribute to the diversity of the cohort. Meet the current class of PRRI Public Fellows [here](#).

### **Fellowship Benefits**

PRRI Public Fellows in the 2025-2026 cohort will receive the following:

- An 11-month fellowship with a cohort of 12 diverse scholars (three from each area of PRRI's core areas of work) engaged in public scholarship;
- Fellowship stipend of \$5,000;
- Course release funds up to \$10,000 for the Spring 2026 semester;
- Access to annual microgrants of \$12,500 in each area of PRRI's work for new interdisciplinary scholarly projects within the cohort;
- Monthly meetings and quarterly trainings and workshops;
- An in-person convening in Washington, D.C., with travel expenses paid by PRRI. During the convening, Fellows will meet with writers from major media outlets, receive media training from PRRI's communications consultants, and dialogue with experts in writing for trade, crossover, and non-academic books;
- Advance access to PRRI data and archives;
- Collaborative work with PRRI's research and communications teams;
- For Fellows from primarily qualitative backgrounds, PRRI will provide training, support, and advice on how to connect public-opinion survey research to their field of expertise

### **Application Requirements:**

Applicants for the PRRI Public Fellows program must meet the following requirements:

- Fellows must have a Ph.D. or comparable terminal degree plus a formal affiliation with an accredited college, university, seminary, or research institute in the United States;
- Fellows must have earned their terminal degree at least three years ago and no more than 12 years ago;
- Fellows should have demonstrable academic expertise in at least one of the following key areas of PRRI's work (racial justice and white supremacy; immigration and migration studies; reproductive health and rights; and LGBTQ rights);
- Fellows must be authorized to work in the United States

### **Application Process:**

To apply for a fellowship, please follow [this link](#). The application includes:

- **Statement of interest:** in 800 words or less, please explain your interest in pursuing this fellowship opportunity and your professional development goals in public scholarship.
- **Current *curriculum vitae***
- **Work samples:** please provide links to and PDF copies of three articles, op-eds, or blogs published within the last three years, preferably in publications or sites aimed at the general public. These samples should be your best recent work.

**The application deadline is Friday, July 25, 2025.** For questions, please contact PRRI at [public.fellows@publicreligion.org](mailto:public.fellows@publicreligion.org)