



## BOSTON COLLEGE

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES PROGRAM

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### RE: AADS Amanda V Houston Traveling Fellowship

Dear Student:

#### **Amanda V. Houston Traveling Fellowship**

Boston College established the Amanda V. Houston Traveling Fellowship on 10 June 1993 in honor of the University's first Black Director. This award aims to prepare Boston College students for leadership in the United States and the world by enriching their personal and educational development through travel. Thanks to the financial support of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee, AADS has issued 2 AVH Traveling Fellowships each year. The Amanda V. Houston Traveling Fellowship will provide the successful recipients up to \$3000 for research-related expenses. The successful recipients can use the award for either an Independent Research Project under the supervision of a faculty member or for a Summer Research Project focusing on African or African Diaspora Communities.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Boston College sophomores and juniors with a grade point average of 3.0 or greater are invited to apply.

#### **Application Deadline**

All applications must be sent no later than Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at 11:59 pm EST via Google Forms, <https://forms.gle/hLMsg3wpLSQqtdP46>

Sincerely,

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## **AVH – Research Involving Human Subjects**

PLEASE NOTE (per the Boston College Office for Research Protections):

All data collected by an interaction or intervention with human subjects must be approved by the BC Institutional Review Board or be exempted by the administration BEFORE the project begins. This applies to ALL data collection involving human subjects by BC agents, including data collection in the humanities and behavioral and social sciences, whether the research is externally funded or not.

Because it can be difficult and time-consuming to obtain IRB approval, especially for undergraduates, we advise students to avoid human subject research if possible, and find another way to pursue the research questions they're interested in. For example, interviewing refugees or homeless people (or even working with databases that contain identifiable private information on individuals) would require IRB approval; but interviewing directors of refugee camps or homeless shelters, or lawyers who work on these issues, or legislators or other government officials who are involved in such matters, would not.

For more information, please consult the Office of Research Protections website:

<https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/research/sites/vice-provost-for-research/research-protections/policies---procedures.html>