



**Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research  
And Program for Research on Black Americans  
Virtual 2026 Summer Mentoring Workshop for  
Doctoral Students focusing on Research with African American  
Populations**

**June 16 - 18, 2026**

**Application Deadline: March 16, 2026**

**LEAD PROGRAM FACULTY:** Robert Joseph Taylor, Amanda Woodward and Katrina Ellis

**WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:**

- ❖ Identify and mentor doctoral students of diverse backgrounds who are committed to conducting research with African American populations.
- ❖ Provide participants with training on the publication process, interviewing for tenure track jobs, grant writing and how to overall negotiate the academy.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- ❖ PhD candidates and advanced doctoral program graduate students

**HOW TO APPLY:** Please apply by providing electronic copies of the following materials:

- ❖ A letter concisely describing your research plans with details about your current level of preparation for a research career. Please describe how participation in this workshop would contribute to your research career (2-page limit).
- ❖ Current curriculum vitae.
- ❖ The name, phone number and email of a person who can comment on your research potential.
- ❖ One copy of prior published or unpublished work that provides evidence of your potential for rigorous social science research (e.g., dissertation abstract, chapter, article, conference paper).

Only applications in Arial 11-point font or larger will be accepted. All applications should be in a single PDF file and submitted using the Qualtrics online submission tool by using the QR code or this link: [MCUAAAR African American Summer Workshop Application](#)

Questions should be submitted to Dr. Deborah Robinson, Faculty Administrative Coordinator, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, [drdrobin@umich.edu](mailto:drdrobin@umich.edu).

