



## The Alliance to Increase Diversity in Genetic Counseling

Providing full scholarships + educational fellowships for **50** genetic counseling master's students underrepresented in the genetic counseling profession at **5** MSGC programs over **5** years.

**Genetic counselors** help people understand and adapt to the medical, psychological, and familial implications of the genetic contributions to disease. They provide education about inheritance, testing, management, prevention, resources, and research; and they provide counseling to promote informed choices and help people adapt to the risk or condition.

The Genetic Counseling profession lacks the diversity it needs to best serve its diverse patient population with culturally sensitive clinicians who have firsthand knowledge of the barriers underrepresented groups encounter. Diversity brings different viewpoints and new approaches to solving problems.

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**The five participating MSGC programs are based at these schools.**

1. University of Pennsylvania
2. Boston University
3. Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
4. Sarah Lawrence College
5. University of Maryland

**The scholarship provides**

- full tuition scholarships
- educational fellowships to cover living expenses
- mentoring
- funding for research and conference attendance
- professional development and leadership opportunities



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