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CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

FY26 Research Fellowship Program

The Institute for Asian American Studies (IAAS) Research Fellowship Program supports scholars, educators, artists, and public intellectuals engaged in community-based research and creative projects that address Asian American issues and experiences. While proposals may cover a wide range of topics, IAAS is especially interested in projects related to education, civic engagement, public health, immigration, housing, economic well-being, food justice, and community development.

The fellowship is open to applicants from all backgrounds. Preferences will be given to new UMass Boston faculty (hired in AY 2025 or later) and applicants who conduct Massachusetts-based research. Multiple fellowships will be awarded by June 30, 2026, for projects to be carried out from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Awards of up to \$10,000 will be granted based on merit and project needs.

Fellows are expected to produce a scholarly or creative work. Scholarly outputs may include a manuscript that can be evaluated for publication as an IAAS paper or journal article, while creative projects should be designed for public engagement and community dissemination. In Spring 2027, fellows will convene to present their work at an IAAS-sponsored event.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- 1) A brief description (maximum three pages) of the proposed project. This should include the project's significance, the current state of the applicant's research on the topic, and the expected scholarly and creative outcomes;
- 2) A copy of the applicant's current curriculum vitae;
- 3) A short statement indicating the amount of funding requested, and a breakdown of how the funds will be used, as well as a timeline for completion of the project.

The application materials should be emailed to asianaminst@umb.edu with "IAAS Research Fellowship" in the subject line by May 1, 2026. General questions may be directed to Shauna Lo, Assistant Director, at shauna.lo@umb.edu, and Hongyan Yang, Senior Research Associate, at hongyan.yang@umb.edu.