

# BASW PROGRAM: RESEARCH

**E**valuation and research will remain important throughout a social work practitioner's entire professional life. Social workers use practice experience to inform research, employ evidence-based interventions, evaluate their own practice, and use research findings to improve practice, policy, and social service delivery.

By engaging in undergraduate research, classroom learning is expanded and leads to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the social work profession. Hands-on research experience helps students to develop critical thinking skills, creating better learners, leaders, and social work practitioners.

The BASW program at MSU offers social work students the opportunity to partner with faculty members in cutting-edge research. If you have ever wondered how social policies impact a population, why an intervention works better for one person than another, or had ideas about how to change

a program or policy, or how to increase access to services for vulnerable and oppressed populations, undergraduate research may be for you.

All BASW students will be given a research interest questionnaire upon acceptance to the program. Multiple funding opportunities exist to support such research. This is an opportunity to increase skill sets, prepare for graduate school, and have a one-on-one relationship with a faculty research mentor.

Research students will have the opportunity to present at the School of Social Work Research Festival, the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum, and other professional conferences. Many students are also offered the opportunity to understand data analysis, library research, data processing programs, interviewing techniques, manuscript writing, and professional presentations. Visit <http://socialwork.msu.edu/directories.php> to learn more about our faculty research interest areas.



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