



Join Forces with UMB Center for Violence Prevention - Where Passion Meets Purpose in Violence Prevention Advocacy

Focus Areas:

Caregiver Support, patient and family-centered care, health-related social Needs

SUMMER 2026

May 26 – July 31

This project is being offered through the **University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: MPowering the State (MPower)** (<http://mpower.maryland.edu>) – a formal collaboration between the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). The University of Maryland Strategic Partnership provides funding for the program.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The selected student will work with the **University of Maryland, Baltimore's Center for Violence Prevention**. As a UM Scholar, you will play a vital role in advancing our mission to bridge the gap between academia and the community through interdisciplinary collaboration, community-based participatory research, impactful education, and advocacy for policies that enhance community resilience and prevent violence and trauma.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

As a UM Scholar, you will have the opportunity to work closely with our team of experts from the University of Maryland Schools of Medicine, Social Work, and Law. You will be immersed in a collaborative environment, contributing to the development and implementation of comprehensive violence prevention strategies. Your role will involve researching and reporting on current issues related to violence prevention, analyzing policy implications, and crafting compelling narratives that effectively communicate our mission and findings.

Key responsibilities of the UM Scholar will include:

1. **Research and Reporting:** Conduct in-depth research on topics related to violence prevention, community engagement, and policy analysis. Compile and analyze data to inform evidence-based strategies.



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2. **Communication and Advocacy:** Draft engaging and informative content, including articles, press releases, and social media posts, to raise awareness about our initiatives. Assist in advocating for policies that align with our vision for stronger, safer communities.
3. **Collaboration:** Work collaboratively with experts from diverse fields to synthesize information, contributing to the development of interdisciplinary approaches to violence prevention.
4. **Event Support:** Contribute to the planning and execution of educational events, workshops, and community outreach programs aimed at promoting violence prevention awareness.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

This project is ideal for a passionate and dedicated student with a strong interest in violence prevention, youth mental health, social justice, and community engagement. Students enrolled in pre-law programs or related fields of study are also encouraged to apply.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Robust marketing skillset coupled with experience in social media management.
- Strong research and analytical skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication abilities.
- Passion for community engagement and social impact.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Students may come from UMCP's College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, the School of Public Health, or may be enrolled in pre-law programs, or other related fields of study.

PROJECT LOCATION

This project will be conducted in a hybrid format – Remote (2x a week) and In-person at UMB's Center for Violence Prevention. This is the address that the student will report to:

Health Sciences and Human Services Library
601 W. Lombard Street
Suite 429
On the UMB campus

PROJECT LEAD/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

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PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

- 10 weeks/400-hour student research project conducted with schedule mutually defined and agreed upon by the student and mentor.
- The project is funded by the [University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: MPowering the State \(MPower\)](#) and is a part of the [UM Scholars program](#).
- The selected student will receive a stipend for their work, to be paid in multiple installments over the 10 weeks.
 - **\$5,500** for undergraduate students
 - **\$6,500** for graduate students
- Work is expected to occur during typical business hours; Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.
- To be eligible, the student must be enrolled in the Fall 2026 semester.
- Traveling to and from UMB, as well as parking, is the responsibility of the student and costs are included in the stipend.