

REVOLUTIONIZING RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL CHANGE:

A SUMMER INSTITUTE IN LIBERATORY AND DECOLONIZING RESEARCH METHODS

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

George Mason University is excited to host its fourth annual Summer Research Institute, Revolutionizing Research for Social Change. Too often, the standard tools of social science research reproduce the very systems of power and subjugation social science seeks to understand and address. Thus, during this week-long (in-person) workshop on liberatory and decolonizing research methods to create space for fellows to develop research tools to revolutionize social science inquiry to improve its reach, relevance and rigor.

During this Summer Research Institute, participating fellows will:

- Explore the racial and colonial history of social science research methods and methodology.
- Examine the connections between power and knowledge.
- Develop tools for ethical, equitable, and inclusive research practice as researchers.
- Create research protocols grounded in liberatory and inclusive practices.
- Learn and share strategies for equitable and transparent research partnering with historically marginalized communities and groups.
- Build skills in participatory and community-based research practice for positive change in policy and practice.
- Grow peer networks and connect with research mentors for ongoing collaboration beyond the workshop.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS



WHO?

M.A. and Ph.D. students with interest in careers in social science research (or related humanities fields)

WHEN?

The 2025 session will be held Monday, June 9, 2025 through Friday, June 13, 2025. Out-of-town participants will arrive Sunday, June 8, 2025 and depart on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Participants are expected to attend all sessions from Monday morning through Friday evening.

WHERE?

George Mason University,
Fairfax, VA 22030

HOW TO APPLY?

For more information or to apply, please visit the: [Revolutionizing Research for Social Change Workshop Event and Application Page](#)

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