

Joseph James Morelli Bicentennial Fellowship

The Joseph James Morelli Bicentennial Fellowship (JJMF) at the University of Virginia School of Education and Human Development (UVA EHD) is an endowed fellowship to support graduate and doctoral students whose scholarship focuses on dyslexia, with emphasis on the transition from high school to college and beyond. This fellowship is created in memory of Joseph James Morelli, who thrived once he received appropriate, effective accommodations for his dyslexia during high school and college. The JJMF recipient will receive an award to assist with tuition and/or research. The Morelli Fellowship builds upon the work of the Joseph James Morelli Legacy Foundation, based in Park City, Utah, which has granted over \$400,000 to 267 college students nationwide who have learning differences, such as dyslexia, and are pursuing post-secondary education in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) field.

The University of Virginia School of Education and Human Development (EHD School) is well suited to house this fellowship. The EHD School is providing a pathway for the next generation of educators and leaders to tackle the most complex and daunting societal and educational challenges, such as dyslexia and other learning differences. The EHD School focuses on equipping its graduates with the skills needed to research important areas in the learning differences field, focusing on the whole child/student and incorporating an interdisciplinary approach. Students at the School learn and work in collaborative environments with their peers, professional staff, and world-class faculty. They engage in study, research, and hands-on practice under the guidance of professors who are global thought leaders. Students take a deep dive into complex societal issues and emerge as purposeful agents for change. The UVA School of Education and Human Development is ranked as the #17 education school in the United States, according to *U.S. News and World Report* (2023); #9 among public schools of education. Its graduate program in Special Education is ranked #4. The EHD School offers undergraduate through doctorate coursework on-Grounds in Charlottesville and online. Its 23 programs roll up into five areas: K-12 education, health and well-being, positive youth development, research and higher education, and policy and leadership.

The University of Virginia School of Education and Human Development is prepared to meet the challenges in education and society head on. Our overarching goal is to promote human development across a broad array of settings by preparing leaders and practitioners in the fields of education, health, wellbeing, and human services. The EHD School accomplishes this by enrolling and graduating inspired, ambitious students, hiring and empowering proven, productive faculty, and producing research that influences policy and creates impact.

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