

Good Life Research Network Fellowship: Focus on Measurement Critiques within Positive Psychology MSTAR 2025

Purpose

We are creating an interdisciplinary network of early career professionals who will share ideas on how to integrate positive psychology into their research, teaching, and practice to promote virtue and human flourishing. Our research network involves a variety of scholars who share a set of parallel training structures across centers, labs, and grants. Most grants often have their own goals, teams, and life cycles—which often end after three years. However, most goals require strategic investments over a longer period of time where scholars are collaborating toward a set of goals aligned with a singular vision. In our case, our mission is to align scholars around big questions central to human flourishing in the midst of human limitations and existential realities. In order to connect scholars with similar research interests and build sustainable momentum toward this goal, we have begun to form [The Good Life Research Network](#). A central part of this network is an annual meeting to bring scholars together (i.e., [the MSTAR meeting](#)). Broadly, we are investing in relational structures that will foster friendships and professional collaborations that extend well beyond the life cycle of any grant.

Description of the Goals for this Year's Measurement Group

Last year, the focus of the fellowship was on integrating humanities and cultural critiques of psychology into the teaching of undergraduate courses. This year, our focus of this fellowship is to integrate life worth living themes into the process of measurement development. We want to form a group committed to engaging cultural and humanities critiques of measurement in positive psychology.

What You Are Invited to Do

We invite you apply (due 4/25/25) by the start of the MSTAR conference. Each fellow will receive at least \$1000 for their one-year commitment.** Each fellow in the group has the following commitments:

- **Committed work**
 - Each member will prepare at least one presentation (15-20 minutes) related to your work on at least one empirical project involving scale development or some other measurement-related work.
 - Each member will also take the lead on inviting a talk from someone doing some sort of scale development or measurement-related project.
 - Each member will also develop an OFI for submission in August 2026
- **May 2025 (TBD)**
 - Attend an orientation meeting that will occur in May. The goal of this meeting will be to connect with all members of the group and to discuss ways we can support each other on our work for the year. We can also share resources that will support our training.
- **Fall and Spring of 2025**
 - We will have seven monthly calls to check-in with each other on progress on our projects. These will involve opportunities to discuss asynchronous

presentations on progress on empirical projects, as well as talks provided by experts in measurement, based on the needs of the group.

- September
- October
- November
- January
- February
- March
- April

- **MSTAR**

- Fellows will provide a 15-minute presentation (asynchronous) for the virtual poster session. In addition, for those who are available at MSTAR, we will set aside some time to connect at a pre-conference meeting (optional).

Deadline: April 25, 2025

Notification: Finalists will be notified by April 26, 2025

Questions: Please direct any questions to ddavis88@gsu.edu

****We are drawing funds from several places, so some fellowships may have additional funding to support other activities such as publication and grant application writing.**