



## NAIC/CIPR Research Fellows Program – 2026

**Goal:** The [NAIC/CIPR Research Fellows Program](#) is designed to foster new and innovative research in the area of insurance regulation by providing resources to researchers working on projects in this field. Preference is given to post-graduate researchers early in their career; however, PhD students and more senior faculty are welcome to apply.

**Process:** Interested faculty should prepare an application packet that includes the following:

- A current vita
- At least one recommendation letter that speaks to the research skills of the applicant
- A three-to-five page summary of the researcher’s proposed agenda. This should include:
  - A statement of a research question
  - A list of any resources, data, or support needed
  - A description of how the project aligns with current regulatory concerns or priorities and how the project will contribute to the field of insurance regulation

Applicants should send materials to Jeff Czajkowski, CIPR Director and Eryn Campbell, Regulatory Research Services Manager at [cipr@naic.org](mailto:cipr@naic.org) by January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Applications will be reviewed by CIPR and NAIC staff and final selection will be made by February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**The Fellowship:** Two NAIC/CIPR Research Fellows will be named each year. Selected fellows will be provided with a \$5,000 stipend and access to relevant NAIC data and materials (subject to approval). The fellow will be connected with relevant NAIC support staff and/or regulators working on issues of interest. Fellows will also meet with the editors of the NAIC’s *Journal of Insurance Regulation* to discuss their research. Funding may also be provided for travel to NAIC offices or events upon request.

The fellow will produce two deliverables. One, at the mid-point of the project, can be a literature review, webinar or presentation, or other deliverable of their choosing. By the end of the one-year period, the fellow will produce a final research report which will contain a brief or executive summary with a description of the project, the findings, and their significance. The report should be written for a regulatory/policymaker audience rather than an academic one.

There may also be opportunity for the fellow to present their work at an appropriate NAIC venue (e.g. National Meeting, Insurance Summit, Zone meeting, etc).

Fellows are encouraged to submit their work to journals for consideration, including the *Journal of Insurance Regulation*. The fellow should acknowledge the NAIC and the fellowship in any published work generated from the fellowship.