



BRIDGS Emergent Scholar Fellowship

Bringing research and innovation into the debate on guns in society

The Bringing Research and Innovation into the Debate of Guns in Society (BRIDGS) initiative focuses on social science approaches to the multifaceted significance of guns in society. We support graduate fellows interested in topics including, but not limited to:

- the culture and politics of armed self-defense
- gun violence and gun trauma
- guns, identity, and inequality
- gun markets and the gun industry
- social movements surrounding gun rights and/or gun control
- comparative/transnational approaches to guns in society
- the intersection of guns, conservation, and environmental justice
- related topics grounded in qualitative or quantitative social science approaches

What are students saying about BRIDGS?

“The BRIDGS emergent scholars fellowship provided both a platform to develop my research and mentorship from leading gun scholars. More than that, it gave me a community of colleagues whose collaboration and friendship I will value for the rest of my career.”
- Megan Kang, PhD candidate, Princeton University

“The BRIDGS fellowship reoriented my scholarly path, embedding me in an interdisciplinary community that treats the gun debate not just as siloed talking points, but as a solvable problem—through evidence, innovation, and intellectual rigor.”
-Dr. Callie Cleckner, PhD, BRIDGS Postdoctoral Research Scholar



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