



Apra Honors Katelin Newman with 2026 Scholarship Award

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Apra is pleased to announce that **Katelin Newman, Assistant Director of Development Research, Presidential Engagement and Donor Experience at the University of Michigan**, has been selected as a recipient of the **2026 Apra Scholarship Award**, funded by the Apra Foundation.

Established to support Apra's commitment to professional growth and expand access to educational opportunities, the scholarship recognizes Apra members who demonstrate outstanding professional merit and leadership potential. The award enables recipients to attend Apra's Prospect Development Conference, where they can deepen their expertise, build meaningful professional connections, and bring new knowledge back to their organizations.

A dedicated member of the Apra community for the past seven years, Katelin has built a reputation as both an accomplished practitioner and a collaborative leader. In her role at the University of Michigan, she supports fundraising strategy through research, due diligence, presidential briefings, and cross-campus collaboration, while supervising research staff and leading high-impact strategic projects.

Katelin's commitment to advancing the profession extends well beyond her institution. As an active member of Apra's Content Development Committee, she helps curate educational resources and thought leadership that benefit members across the association. She also exemplifies a lifelong commitment to learning, regularly presenting at the University of Michigan's Forum conference, creating a due diligence networking group for colleagues, and investing in leadership development to better serve her team.

Through the Prospect Development Conference, Katelin hopes to gain new insights into supporting executive leadership transitions, navigating the evolving complexities of donor due diligence and Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) fundraising, and benchmarking emerging ethical frameworks and research practices. She plans to bring these strategies

back to the University of Michigan to strengthen collaboration, streamline communication, and enhance fundraising outcomes while sharing what she learns with the broader Apra community.

The Apra Scholarship Award reflects the association's belief that investing in talented professionals strengthens the future of the entire prospect development profession. Apra congratulates Katelin Newman on this well-deserved recognition and looks forward to the continued leadership, innovation, and knowledge-sharing she brings to both her institution and the Apra community.