

## PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grant Recipients

PREA and the Robert Toigo Foundation have collaborated for the past 20 years to support the educational and professional development of minority students pursuing careers in real estate. We congratulate the following 2024 recipients of the PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grants.



**Zainab Aregbe**



**Elyshia Geter**



**Danno Lemu**



**Ella Starr**

**Zainab Aregbe** will graduate from NYU in December 2025 with a Master of Real Estate, with a focus on Real Estate Finance and Investments. Her real estate experience includes working as a Broker and Team Manager at Douglas Elliman, where she contributed to more than \$25 million in sales and expanded the company's investor database. Currently, she advises on new building developments, conducting market research and analysis for projects such as the 515-unit Grand Jersey Development in Jersey City. In addition to her professional work, she serves as the President of the Real Estate Institute Student Association at NYU. Aregbe is certified in real estate financial modeling and is currently pursuing 2025 Summer Associate roles and full-time opportunities within the real estate sector. She earned a BSc in Accounting from Babcock University in 2016.

**Elyshia Geter** is a first-year MBA candidate at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a Howard E. Mitchell Fellow and an active member of Wharton's Real Estate and Private Equity & Venture Capital clubs. Geter earned a BS in Real Estate from New York University's Schack Institute of Real Estate. During her time at NYU, she was a member of the NYU SPS Undergraduate Real Estate Club. She received the 2019 Graduate Academic Excellence Award from NYU Schack for her outstanding academic achievements. After completing her undergraduate studies, Geter joined J.P. Morgan as an Investment Banking Analyst in the Real Estate, Gaming & Lodging group. Most recently, she worked as a Senior Associate at Artemis Real Estate Partners, where she co-led and supported single-asset and portfolio equity and debt investments across multifamily, industrial, hotel, office, and niche product types throughout the US. Geter's goal is to combine her interest in real estate and investing with her desire to help bridge the gap in access to capital for historically marginalized groups.

**Danno Lemu** is on track to graduate in 2026 with an MBA/MPP from Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School. He has earned fellowships such as the Horace W. Goldsmith Fellowship and Equity Fellowship. Lemu has gained valuable experience in real estate development consulting, working with HR&A Advisors to assist government officials in economic development and affordable housing strategies. His recent work with the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development in Washington, DC, included managing a \$41 million office-to-residential conversion program. His background also includes community organizing and research at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Lemu is focused on investment opportunities within affordable housing and value-added projects in communities nationwide. He is certified in real estate financial modeling and is currently pursuing in-semester externships and 2025 Summer Associate roles. He earned a BS in Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 2019.

**Ella Starr** plans to graduate in 2026 with an MBA from Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business, where she holds distinctions including Cox Distinguished Scholar and Forte Fellow. Starr has experience in finance and real estate, having worked as an Equity Research Analyst at REB Capital Management and a pre-MBA Intern at T. Rowe Price. She has been investing in real estate since 2017, managing rental properties, and developing a 15,000-square-foot self-storage facility. Her combination of financial skills and real estate experience prepares her for opportunities in institutional real estate. Starr is certified in real estate financial modeling and is currently pursuing in-semester externships and 2025 Summer Associate roles. She earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Florida in 2019.