



MCH Fellowship and Diversity Scholars Leadership Program Frequently Asked Questions (*version Sept. 2023*)

1. Can I apply for both the [Diversity Scholars Program \(DSLSP\)](#) and also the [MCH Fellowship](#)?

Yes, you can apply to both the programs separately using their respective applications. These applications will be reviewed separately. Receiving an offer from one does not disqualify you from also receiving an offer from the other. Although uncommon, we have had strong applicants awarded the MCH Fellowship and DSLSP during the same cycle.

2. What is the difference between the practice and research fellowship?

The *practice fellowship* entails working with an organization in the Boston area and can also be used to fulfil the practicum requirement.

The *research fellowship* entails working with BUSPH faculty on a research project and may not always be used to fulfil the practicum requirement (see additional details on next question). However, BUSPH faculty are flexible over the summertime with the fellowship hours (8-10 hours a week) so that students can do their practicum elsewhere.

3. Which fellowships can also be used to fulfil my practicum?

Practice fellowship can be used to fulfil the MPH practicum requirement since the projects are hosted by public health organizations. *Research fellowships* may also be used to fulfill practicum requirements. Please check the [research fellowship page](#) to verify which projects will qualify per application cycle. **There is a separate BUSPH practicum registration process that fellows must use to [register their practicum](#).**

4. I am interested in more than one fellowship project. How many fellowship projects can I apply to?

You can choose to rank 3 of your top fellowship project options (1 being your top choice) on the fellowship application. You can rank between the research and practice fellowship project options using the same application. It is recommended to customize your application responses as best as possible to reflect your interest in the projects you rank. You can also highlight your qualifications on your resume/CV.

5. What are the requirements for the MCH Fellowship application?

- MCH Fellowship Application – please refer to [the MCH Fellowship Application Page](#) for the latest requirement (one application is used for both the research and practice fellowship)
- CV/Resume

6. I cannot start my fellowship in December, is there flexibility on start dates?

Fellowships typically start in December of every year; however, this can be negotiated to begin January of the following year if the project supervisor is flexible with a January start date.

7. Does the MCH Fellowship offer tuition support?

No, the fellowship does not provide tuition support. Instead, it provides a stipend of \$1,500 that is paid over 3 installments of \$500 over the fellowship year. Tuition support of 6 credits is provided by the DSLSP program and can be applied to separately from the MCH fellowships.

8. Can I apply to both DSLSP program options?

Yes, if you [qualify](#) for both the DSLSP-URM (underrepresented minority) and DSLSP-LGBTQIA requirements, you can note that you want to be considered for both on the [DSLSP application](#). One application is used to apply to both opportunities. A resume/CV is also required.