



Diversity Scholars Leadership Program

The **Diversity Scholars Leadership Program (DSLSP)** supports emerging health professionals who seek to be leaders in the movement to eliminate health and other inequities and the achievement of social justice. The DSLSP has two arms, (1) DSLP-URM for students from under-represented minority communities and (2) as of 2021, DSLP-LGBTQIA+ for students from LGBTQIA+ communities.

The DSLP aims to create an environment in which underrepresented minority and LGBTQIA+ students can flourish, combine their life experience with public health knowledge, and be connected to the wisdom, experience, and guidance of a strong network of alumnae of color, LGBTQIA+, and allies who precede them as MCH leaders.

The **DSLSP-URM** and **DSLSP-LGBTQIA+** programs offer the following support:

Tuition Support* Our 2023 Diversity Leadership Scholars will be awarded a scholarship for up to 6 tuition credits over a 2-year period*.

Mentoring Each scholar will be matched with one BUSPH mentor and one field mentor. The field mentor will be a person of color and/or person from the LGBTQIA+ community who holds an MCH-related leadership position. Mentors help scholars navigate the complex learning and professional development process inherent in combining academic training, lived experience as a member of a minority and LGBTQIA+ community, and a passion for racial, health and social justice.

Community Building at BUSPH The DSLP supports students to build relationships with mentors and other students of color and LGBTQIA+ students at BUSPH. This can occur organically as well as through planned social gatherings, racial and health justice talking circles, and group mentoring dinner sessions.

Program applications Posted annually in October.

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DSLSP-URM

Eligibility

- MPH student in the **Maternal & Child Health Certificate**.
- A member of an under-represented minority group: Black or African American, Hispanic (all races), American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latinx, Asian, two or more races (Source: HRSA MCHB).
- First-generation students encouraged to apply.

BUSPH mentor: Anisa Saleh, MPH
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DSLSP-LGBTQIA+

Eligibility

- MPH student in the **Sex, Sexuality and Gender or Maternal & Child Health Certificate**.
- LGBTQIA identifying students from **ALL** racial and ethnic identities are eligible to apply.
- Students who meet eligibility criteria for both DSLP-URM and DSLP-LGBTQIA, can state their interest in applying for both on the application.
- First-generation students encouraged to apply.

BUSPH mentor: Julia Lanham, MPH
Assistant Dean, Careers and Practicum Advisor,
SPH Queer Alliance



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