



MCH Fellowship and Diversity Scholars Leadership Program Frequently Asked Questions (*version 19 Sep. 2023*)

General Questions

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 may be flexible over the summertime with the fellowship hours (8-10 hours a week) so that students can do their practicum elsewhere.

3. 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.

4. 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

5. 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.

6. 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 based on eligibility.

7. Can I apply to both DSLSP program options (URM and LGBTQIA+)?

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.



MCH Fellowship and Practicum Questions

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

Practice fellowships are automatically eligible to count towards the MPH practicum as it interfaces with a practice-based organization.

Research fellowships are often eligible to count towards the MPH practicum requirements depending on the type of work and stakeholders' fellow's will interface with during their fellowship year. Eligibility will be determined by the BUSPH Practicum Office. Please check the [research fellowship page](#) to verify which projects will qualify per application cycle.

9. What are the other practicum eligibility criteria?

- a. Good standing
- b. Passing core courses

10. I have verified that my fellowship project is practicum eligible, and I want it to count towards my MPH practicum, what are the next steps?

There is a separate BUSPH practicum registration process that fellows must use to [register their practicum](#).

11. When do my fellowship hours start counting towards my practicum?

Hours begin counting once you have submitted a practicum proposal in the online portal, and it has gone through the three-step review process. Your start date in the portal should be the beginning of the Spring semester (or the semester in which you would become eligible for). You can find more information regarding the practicum registration process on the Blackboard site for PH976.

12. I am a part time student and I have not finished my core courses yet. Can I still have my fellowship hours count towards my practicum?

If you are a part-time student who receives an MCH Fellowship and would like to discuss using this as your practicum, please contact Ryan Wisniewski, Assistant Director of the Practicum Program.

For any additional practicum-based questions, please contact Ryan Wisniewski, Assistant Director, Practicum Program (RYANWIS@BU.EDU).