

Applications Open for 2023 Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship

Who are the Schweitzer Fellows?

Each Spring, 28 Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows are selected from applications submitted by students in a diversity of fields, including but not limited to medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, social work, psychology, pharmacy, physical therapy, law, nutrition, art therapy, dance/movement therapy, and acupuncture.

Program Elements and Requirements

Working in collaboration with an existing local community agency, each Fellow designs and implements a service project that addresses an unmet community health need. Fellowship projects include a minimum of 200 hours of service (including 130 hours conducting a community service project), guidance from mentors, including a Site Mentor at the hosting community agency, an Academic Mentor at the student's academic institution, and Program mentors, Monthly progress reports on the Fellow's project, and a written report at the conclusion of the project. The Fellowship is an opportunity to be part of an interdisciplinary group of students working in under-served communities and in an inter-disciplinary learning collaborative. Fellows are required to attend a weekend orientation, monthly meetings, service days, and the annual celebration event. Fellows receive a stipend of \$2,750 (paid in four installments).



Eligibility

Any student who will be enrolled at least part-time in a health-related, graduate-level-degree-granting program during the Fellowship year is welcome to apply. Please note that two exceptions to this are medical and podiatry students who will be entering their third year of medical school. Medical and podiatry students who will be in their first, second, or fourth year during the Fellowship year are eligible.



Apply Today!

Deadline is **February 1, 2023**, but students are strongly encouraged to apply early. To sign up for a virtual information session or to start your application, scan the QR code or visit hmprg.org/programs/schweitzer.

For more information, contact Karol Dean, Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program Director, at kdean@hmprg.org.

About the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) was founded in 1940 to support the Schweitzer Hospital in Lambaréné, Gabon, West Africa. That work continues now, eighty-two years later, sustaining the Hospital and training health professionals from across the globe. The first U.S. Fellowship began in Boston in 1991. Today, the U.S. program consists of 13 chapters, including the Chicago area Fellowship, has supported graduate students in health care and related fields to complete more than 130,000 hours of community service. Through their projects, Fellows serve and empower vulnerable people to live healthier lives and create healthier communities.

100
applicants
a year

28
Fellows
a year

700
Fellows
for life

“The Schweitzer Fellowship provided me with a unique perspective into the fields of health equity, service, and advocacy. Through my Fellowship, I’ve become committed to embracing service and mentorship throughout my professional future career as a physician.”

Fadi Hamati
2019–20 Schweitzer Fellow,
Rush University Medical
College Student

130,000
Service
hours

150
Community
partners

30 academic institutions,
improving the lives of **4,700**
community members each year.

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