



# HEALTH LEADERS FELLOWSHIP

2021



**Cultivating tomorrow's leaders,  
working for a safe and healthy  
environment where we  
live, work, and play.**

## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

This issue and civic engagement training program provides health professionals with a deeper understanding of critical environmental health issues. This program gives them the tools necessary to educate their patients and advocate for change within their institution and the public policy arena.

Ideal applicants are health professionals who are committed to disease prevention and are passionate about creating safe and healthy environments where we live, work, and play. They are also interested in helping to advance institutional, policy, and systems transformation. This Fellowship is geared toward Michigan residents/practitioners.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We are looking for a diverse group of health professionals at all stages of their career from student to retiree, with a wide range of specialties. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Nurses
- Physicians
- Public Health Professionals
- Midwives
- Medical & Nursing Students
- Dieticians
- Other health professionals

## WHY APPLY?

- Network with innovative professionals across various sectors
- Develop new skills
- Build a community of peers
- Engage civic leaders
- Create social change
- Have fun!

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“The Health Leaders Fellowship helps healthcare professionals translate complicated health and policy information into approachable insight for patients and communities.”

- Jamila Stevens, *Former Fellow*  
Michigan Nutrition Network

## FOCUS AREAS

**Climate & Energy:** Our reliance on fossil fuels contributes to an increase in global temperatures and acute health problems, such as rising rates of asthma and the increasing prevalence of heart disease. Thus climate change is one of the most pressing public health issues we currently face.

**Toxics:** Hazardous chemicals present in our homes and many everyday products are associated with increasing burdens of disease. Exposure to these chemicals is known to increase the risk of developing certain cancers, learning disabilities, and infertility issues.

**Food:** Our current food system favors manufacturing practices that have serious health implications. Rising rates of cancer, infertility, and hormone disruption are among the most prevalent food-related health concerns. These risks are borne by many communities.

## MORE ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

Health Leaders will explore the most urgent environmental health issues at the local, state, and national level with national environmental health experts. Fellows will develop critical civic engagement skills through trainings. Upon completion, Fellows will have the tools needed to advocate for change within the public policy arena and their health care institutions.

The Ecology Center is committed to safeguarding the health of our fellows, staff, and partners. Therefore, due to COVID-19, we will continue to monitor the public health metrics and guidelines to determine how to safely move to next steps. The Ecology Center is committed to providing a platform of growth and engagement for fellows.

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## APPLICATION DETAILS & PROGRAM TIMELINE

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 25  
Program starts: April 2021

