Leadership Fellowship 2022-2023
Leadership Institute
Graduate Student Life & Wellness

The Leadership Fellows Program launched in 2015 as part of the Graduate School’s commitment to graduate student success, interconnectedness, and inclusion. One of the keystone programs in the Graduate Student Life & Wellness Leadership Institute, the Leadership Fellows Program aims to 1) Build a stronger and healthier graduate and professional student community at MSU by preparing participants with leadership theory and practice and 2) Position students to be change agents in the MSU community and beyond.

Fellows meet regularly throughout the academic year with their cohort, a diverse community of graduate student leaders from across campus. Fellows also receive one-on-one and peer mentorship, have opportunities to engage in leadership opportunities within their college (often in direct collaboration with the deans), and grow through peer-to-peer networking.

Each Fellow develops and exercises leadership skills by creating and managing a change-oriented project aimed at enhancing graduate student well-being. Past projects include:

- Starting peer mentorship programs
- Creating workshops addressing topics such as diversity and inclusion, accessing mental health services, accessibility, field safety trainings, and more.
- Connecting students with the East Lansing community
- Starting or advancing their work in a Graduate Student Organization
- Advocating for graduate student concerns, and many more.

Leadership Fellowship Duties:

- Participate in the initial Fellows Program Retreat held in late August.
- Create and manage a change-oriented project, which entails performing relevant needs-assessment to identify key issues, proposing and managing a project budget, if relevant and conducting a project assessment/evaluation.
- Communicate and collaborate with key stakeholders at the college and university level.
- Participate in monthly professional development meetings with their cohort. These meetings will be held on Thursdays from 5-6:30 and attendance is required. Meetings are planned to be virtual at this time.
- Participate in monthly one-on-one meeting with Leadership Institute Coordinators.

One or more fellowships may be awarded per college in the amount of $1000 per academic year. Fellowship activities take an average of 6 hours per month (1-2 hours per week). The 2022-23 Fellowship runs from August 15, 2022 through May 15, 2023. Qualifications: Admittance to an MSU graduate or professional degree program and prior leadership experience.

How to apply: All interested candidates should complete an application (link below). Applications will be accepted until March 22, 2022. Qualified candidates will be contacted with next steps, and final decisions will be made by mid-April 2022. Questions can be sent to Dr. Meg Moore at akehimeg@msu.edu, subject line: Leadership Fellowship Inquiry.

Link to application: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7WCuzYdD1NC3p7E