

Leadership Fellows Program 2023-2024

The Leadership Fellows Program, housed in the office of Graduate Student Life & Wellness, aims to:

- 1) Provide graduate and professional students meaningful leadership development opportunities through engaging with a diverse community of scholars, and
- 2) Position students to be change agents in the Michigan State University community and beyond.

Fellows meet regularly throughout the academic year with their cohort, a dynamic group of graduate student leaders from across campus. Fellows also receive one-on-one and peer mentorships and have opportunities to engage in leadership opportunities within their college. As the main effort of the Fellowship, each Fellow will develop and exercise leadership skills by creating a change-oriented project aimed at enhancing graduate student well-being. Past projects include:

- Starting, sustaining or expanding peer mentorship programs
- Creating workshops or similar events within or across programs/colleges that address topics such as diversity and inclusion, accessing mental health services, accessibility, field safety trainings, and more
- Starting or advancing work in a Graduate Student Organization
- Advocating for graduate students to faculty and administration

Leadership Fellowship Duties:

- Participate in the Fellows Program Retreat held in late August.
- Create and manage a change-oriented project, which could include implementing a needs-assessment, proposing and managing a budget, and evaluating project impact.
- Communicate and collaborate with key stakeholders at the college and university level.
- Participate in monthly professional development cohort meetings. These meetings will be held on Thursdays from 5-6:30 and attendance is required. Meetings will be held in person, though accommodations can be requested.
- Participate in a Leadership Huddle, a smaller group of Fellows that meets 2-3 times a semester.
- Participate in monthly one-on-one mentorship meetings with Fellowship Coordinators.

Fellowship duties take an average of 6 hours per month (1-2 hours per week). Fellows will receive a fellowship of \$2,000 per academic year. The 2023-24 Fellowship runs from August 15, 2023 through May 15, 2024. Questions can be sent to Dr. Meg Moore at akehimeg@msu.edu.

Qualifications: Applicants must be registered for classes in a graduate or professional degree program at MSU and must have some prior leadership experience. To apply, please fill out [this survey](#) by March 17, 2023. You will have 1500 characters (about 250 words) to address the following questions, so you may want to prepare your responses beforehand:

1. Why are you applying to be a Leadership Fellow and what skills and experiences do you hope to gain from this fellowship?
2. If you could take action toward addressing one problem/challenge facing graduate students at MSU, what problem would you address? What action would you take and why?
3. Tell us a story about a time when you saw a problem and took action to address it (whether the result was successful or not).
4. Please briefly describe the other responsibilities you will have this coming year (assistantships, Fellowships, graduate student organizations, community service commitments, etc.). Do you believe you will have adequate time to devote to the duties of the Fellowship?