

Leadership Fellows Program 2024-2025

Housed in the [Graduate School Office of Well-Being](#), the Leadership Fellows Program aims to 1) Provide graduate and professional students leadership development opportunities through engaging with a diverse community of scholars 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 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 (often in direct collaboration with the deans).

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 peer mentorship programs
- Creating workshops addressing topics such as diversity and inclusion, accessing mental health services, accessibility, field safety trainings, and more
- Starting or advancing their work in a Graduate Student Organization
- Advocating for graduate student concerns to faculty and administration

Leadership Fellowship Duties:

- Participate in a 1-day Fellows Program Retreat held in late August.
- Create and manage a change-oriented project, which could entail implementing a needs-assessment, proposing and managing a budget, and evaluating project impact.
- Communicate and collaborate with key stakeholders at the college and university levels.
- 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 monthly one-on-one mentorship meetings with Fellowship Coordinators.

Fellowship activities take an average of 6 hours per month (1-2 hours per week) and Fellows will receive a fellowship of \$2,000 per academic year. The 2024-25 Fellowship runs from August 15, 2024 through May 15, 2025. Questions can be sent to Dr. Meg Moore at akehimeg@msu.edu.

Qualifications: Admittance to an MSU graduate or professional degree program and some prior leadership experience. Qualified candidates will be contacted with next steps, and final decisions will be made by mid-April. To apply, please fill out [this Qualtrics survey](#) by March 15, 2024. You will need to address the following questions in 250 words or less, so it may be easier 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.). Can you dedicate 1-2 hours every month to attend cohort meetings and at least 1 hour per week to work on managing your project?