



“I am forever honored and humbled to have been part of this cohort of Fellows. Everyone was passionate about different aspects of society – but we all shared the hunger, creativity, and desire to make an impact.”

— Emilee Lamorena, 2012-13 Schweitzer Fellow
Rush University respiratory care student

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THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP®

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The Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program is a one-year interdisciplinary, mentored fellowship program focused on community service, leadership development, and reflection. Graduate and professional students from Chicago Area schools obtaining degrees in health-related fields may apply.



“After my year in the Schweitzer Fellowship, I feel more autonomous, dedicated, and passionate about service work than ever before.”

— Alex Friedman, 2011-12 Schweitzer Fellow
Northwestern University medical student

The Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program aims to:

- Provide communities in the Greater Chicago area with needed health and human services through the talented assistance of graduate and professional students
- Build a diverse group of future leaders in service who are skilled and committed to working with underserved populations
- Support program alumni who continue in lives of service through a Fellows for Life network of nearly 2,500 Schweitzer alumni

PROGRAM ELEMENTS & REQUIREMENTS

The 2017-18 Fellowship year runs May 1, 2017—May 31, 2018

Orientation and Retreats: Fellows must attend an overnight weekend orientation in April and an all-day Saturday midyear retreat in November 2017.

Service Project: Working in collaboration with a local community agency, each Fellow must design and carry out a service project of at least 200 hours that addresses an unmet community health need.

Reports & Evaluations: Fellows submit monthly reflections about their activities, a written final report, and an evaluation about the Fellowship experience.

Monthly Meetings: Monthly meetings provide the Fellows with leadership development, interdisciplinary discussions, time for reflection on community service, and an opportunity to network with professionals in service professions.

Public Outreach: Each Fellow works in a small group to organize an outreach activity that may take the form of a public symposium or a group service activity.

Stipend: Fellows receive a stipend of \$2,500, distributed in four payments throughout the Fellowship year.

Celebration of Service: Fellows attend a celebration of their year of service in April 2018.

ELIGIBILITY

Students who will be enrolled in a graduate or professional degree granting program in a health-related field in the Greater Chicago area are eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled at least part time throughout the 2017-18 academic year. Note: Medical and Podiatry students entering their third year may not apply.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The community service projects of Schweitzer Fellows should aim to provide direct service to an underserved population in the Chicago area. The majority of the service hours must be spent in direct contact with the population you are serving. Research, fundraising/administrative, and policy-based projects are not considered appropriate Fellowship projects.

Applicants need to submit a project proposal that addresses a community's needs. The proposal should be specific about your exact role in the project, your short and long-term goals, and how it might be of enduring value to the community. Upon request, we can send a community site guide that can be a useful source for project ideas and potential community sites.

The Schweitzer Fellowship encourages Fellows to think broadly about health as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Rooted in this holistic understanding of health, Schweitzer projects address not only clinical health issues, but also many community issues that affect one's health and well-being.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received on or before February 1, 2017. For complete application guidelines and to download the application, visit www.hmprg.org/Programs/Schweitzer. Finalists will be interviewed in mid March, and Fellows will be announced in early April.