Participating Schools

The Ohio State University
College of Arts & Sciences
College of Dentistry
Fisher College of Business
College of Education and Human Ecology
College of Medicine
College of Nursing
College of Optometry
College of Pharmacy
College of Public Health
College of Social Work
College of Veterinary Medicine
School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences

Ohio University
College of Osteopathic Medicine
College of Health Sciences and Professions
The Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education

Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Corporate Partners

Nationwide Children’s Hospital
OhioHealth

An example is not the main thing in influencing others—it is the only thing. - Albert Schweitzer

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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The Columbus Schweitzer Fellows Program is a one-year interdisciplinary fellowship program focused on community service and leadership development. Students from Columbus and Athens colleges who are obtaining graduate and professional degrees in health or human service-related fields may apply. We seek applicants from a broad spectrum of disciplines, not just those in health sciences.

The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is a valuable opportunity for students to influence social problems in their community. Its structure of monthly meetings and reports gives fellows a guide for implementing their programs within a supportive and reflective environment.

Rob Bennett, OSU Social Work

The Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program aims to support Fellows to:

- Improve skills in working with communities, including basic knowledge about approaches to community work; community outreach, community building, and networking; and publicity, fundraising, and advocacy

- Gain exposure to the impact of health disparities and health policies on local communities

- Learn about other health-related professions

- Improve their overall capabilities for leadership in service

- Participate in a voluntary network of over 2,500 alumni Schweitzer “Fellows for Life” who seek to include service in their personal and professional lives.
REQUIRED ACTIVITIES OF FELLOWS

Orientation and Retreats: Fellows must attend an all-day orientation Saturday, April 11, 2015 and a mid-year retreat on October 17, 2015.

Service Project: Each Fellow designs and carries out a health-related community service project of at least 200 hours in collaboration with a local community agency.

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. Weekday evenings, 6-8:30pm, Dates TBA.

Stipend: Fellows receive a stipend of $3,000, distributed in three payments throughout the Fellowship year.

Celebration of Service: Fellows attend a Celebration of Service in their honor on May 4, 2016.

Participating in an interdisciplinary cohort with the other fellows was an amazing experience; it seemed that all corners of health-related fields were well represented and ideas and advice from each fellow was from a different and unique viewpoint than my own.

Katie Middleton, OU Health Sciences & Professions
ELIGIBILITY
Students enrolled in degree granting programs in health and human service-related fields in the Columbus and Athens areas are eligible to apply. Students must be enrolled from April 2015 - April 2016. We encourage applications that address not only clinical health issues, but also the social determinants of health—defined as the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, and which are mostly responsible for health inequities.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
The community service projects of Schweitzer Fellows should aim to provide needed support to an underserved population in Columbus or Athens. At least 125 of the total hours must be spent in direct contact with the population served. Research, fundraising and policy-based projects are not considered appropriate Fellowship projects. No academic credit can be earned.

Fellows can choose to propose new projects that are of interest to an agency and community, or to continue an existing project. In your proposal, please be specific about your exact role in the project as you foresee it, your short and long-term goals for the project, and any unique contributions you feel you can bring to the existing project or to the agency. For project ideas, you may review a list of past Fellowship projects on the website.

DEADLINE
The online application deadline is February 16, 2015. For complete application guidelines or to apply online, visit www.schweitzerfellowship.org/columbus.

At every turn I encountered compassionate and talented people who had something new to offer. I learned about resourcefulness, philanthropy, and especially gratitude. Taking on this service project during professional school did prove difficult, but the experience was incredibly fulfilling.
Sara DeWitt, OSU Veterinary Medicine