Urban Community Engagement Fellows Program

Applications Due End of March
Program is during the fall and spring semesters

The Urban Community Engagement Fellows (UCEF) Program is a joint initiative of Michigan State University’s Graduate School and the Office of University Outreach and Engagement.

UCEF will pair a multidisciplinary team of MSU graduate students with Lansing-area community partners to envision and complete collaborative community-identified projects that make a substantive difference in revitalizing Lansing.

Like many mid-sized metropolitan areas, the Greater Lansing region is in a period of re-envisioning and revitalization, with a great opportunity to build upon its heritage and strengths while embracing neighborhood and downtown redevelopment possibilities.

UCEF participants are expected to:
- Focus on community-identified priorities.
- Ground their approach and activities in diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and belonging.
- Emphasize reciprocity and mutual benefit in partnerships.
- Take a strengths-based approach.
- Address underlying causes and identify levers of community change.
- Collaborate with a multidisciplinary cohort of fellows for learning, action, and reflection.
- Generate deliverables of value to both community partners and graduate fellows.
- Share their experiences through a research poster or presentation, developed in collaboration with cohort members.

Who Can Apply
This fellowship program is for MSU graduate students with an interest in interdisciplinary approaches to community engagement in urban areas. UCEF welcomes applicants from all colleges and programs. Applicants should be enrolled as full-time graduate students, making good progress toward degree completion, and in good academic standing.

Compensation
Fellows will receive $7,500 total for the two semesters.

Further Information and Application
engage.msu.edu/learn/urban-community-engagement-fellows-program