

PURPOSE

The Latino Community Health Fellowship Program is designed to support the development of early-career public health professionals committed to addressing the increasing health disparities faced by a growing Latino population in the United States. One fellowship will be offered each year to a student pursuing their Master of Public Health (MPH) in the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health (HDPFH).

FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for the fellowship is contingent on admission as a two-year full-time [MPH](#) student in the HDPFH at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. In addition, to be eligible for the fellowship, applicants must be:

- An early-career professional with at least two years of previous work experience with Latino communities in the US and/or a country with a large population of Latino immigrants living in the US
- Committed to working with Latino populations in the US following completion of the degree
- Eligible for Financial Aid.

Candidates with professional working proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing are preferred.

Individuals with advanced degrees (MD, PhD) are not eligible for the Fellowship. Candidates may only apply once for Fellowship consideration.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The MPH program in the HDPFH prepares students to develop, implement, administer, and evaluate programs and policies within the fields of sexual, reproductive, child, adolescent, and family health and the health of displaced and migrant populations. The Department utilizes a human rights framework and addresses these areas within a global context. One particular area of focus and collaboration for the Department is the community of Washington Heights, where the Mailman School is located. HDPFH-affiliated programs in the community provide rich and varied training opportunities for students. Students bring impressive and diverse experiences in domestic and international health programs to the department and School. More information about our academic program can be found on our [website](#).

WHAT FELLOWS RECEIVE

Fellows will receive half tuition up to the maximum of 60 credits in the Master of Public Health degree at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in the two-year full-time [MPH](#) program.

HOW TO APPLY

In addition to their application for admission to the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, students interested in the fellowship must submit the following materials:

- Application for the Latino Community Health Fellowship Program emailed by **April 1st, 2024**. The application can be found in the subsequent pages of this document.
- Application for Financial Aid: <http://publichealth.columbia.edu/apply/financial-aid>

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SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF FELLOWS

The selection of fellows involves several considerations. After confirming the applicant meets the eligibility criteria for the Fellowship, the Selection Committee considers the applicant's potential to contribute to the field of public health and commitment to working with Latino populations. The Selection Committee may request an interview with a candidate.

Fellowship applicants can expect to receive notification of the status of their application to the Latino Community Health Fellowship Program by early April. Notification of admission to the School is sent separately.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Latino Community Health Fellowship Application

2024

A complete application must be emailed to Chelsea Kolff (cak2190@cumc.columbia.edu) no later than *April 1st, 2024* with the subject line “Latino Community Health Fellowship Application”.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

1. Please confirm that you have submitted a complete application for Financial Aid?

Yes No Date of submission:

2. Please indicate your level of Spanish language proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing: _____

Levels of Language Proficiency
0 – No Proficiency. At this lowest level, there is basically no knowledge of the language
1 – Elementary Proficiency
2 – Limited Working Proficiency.
3 – Professional Working Proficiency.
4 – Full Professional Proficiency.
5 – Native / Bilingual Proficiency.

3. How did you learn about the Latino Community Health Fellowship Program?

4. In less than 750 words, describe your previous work experience with Latino communities in the United States, or in countries with a large influx of Latino immigrants to the United States. Describe your career goals, and how you believe that an MPH would support these goals.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit an essay that is distinct from that submitted with the application to the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.