

# **The John Hopkins Bloomberg School's Master of Public Health Program**

The Bloomberg Fellows Program is a groundbreaking initiative to provide world-class public health training to individuals engaged with organizations tackling critical challenges facing the United States.

When fully implemented, each year, 50 fellows will receive full-tuition scholarships to attain the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School's Master of Public Health (MPH), the most well-known and respected public health degree in the world.

Following graduation, Bloomberg Fellows will work for at least one year for such organizations, putting their new skills to use. These individuals and organizations will then join a growing network of scholarship, education and practice devoted to using the tools of public health to address the problems of the twenty-first century.

Both the part-time and full-time MPH programs are available to Bloomberg Fellows. The full-time program, based in Baltimore, takes 11 months to complete from late June to late May. Bloomberg Fellows in the full-time program will receive a stipend for living expenses for the year in which they are full-time students. The part-time program includes a combination of online and in-person learning and typically takes two to three years to complete during which time the student will work full-time at a partner organization, paid by the organization.

The Bloomberg School of Public Health strives for a highly diverse class in terms of race and ethnicity, income, geography, and other key areas.

## **COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS**

Unlike the direct-line relationship between most scholarship programs and their beneficiaries, the Bloomberg Fellows Program is a triangle that connects the Bloomberg School, the fellows and their organizations. The partner organizations will play several vital roles:

- Nominating prospective Bloomberg Fellows
- Providing practice opportunities for fellows during the MPH program
- Participating in a network of organizations using evidence to make progress in health
- Engaging with faculty and staff at the Bloomberg School of Public Health to exchange ideas and opportunities for collaboration

Partner organizations will be located across the United States and will reflect the diversity of efforts addressing critical challenges in the five focus areas. The organizations will come from the health and public health sectors, as well as from housing, transportation, education, environmental protection, community development, criminal justice, and other areas. For example, a local police department may nominate a senior leader for public health training in violence prevention, and an educational advocacy organization may nominate a staff member to study threats to adolescent health.

Through extensive outreach and marketing to organizations on the frontlines of each of the five target areas, the Bloomberg School will identify a broad and diverse range of partners to establish longstanding, collaborative relationships. There will be special efforts made to involve organizations that have few or no staff trained in public health.

## NETWORKS TO FACILITATE RESEARCH AND ACTION

Bloomberg Fellows will have a unique alumni experience. As alumni, they will join and help to lead problem-solving networks that bring together expert faculty and public and private organizations from across the country. As they grow over time, these networks will increase in importance and impact.

**Problem-focused networks:** In each of the five focus areas, anchor faculty will develop a network involving Bloomberg Fellows, alumni and organizations to understand and overcome common challenges, establish collaborative research projects and implement evidence-based policies and programs. Each of these networks will maintain an online platform for information sharing and collaboration.

**Cross-cutting networks:** In addition, the Bloomberg American Health Initiative will host an annual summit involving Bloomberg Fellows, faculty, alumni, home organizations, and others. Each summit will present the latest available data on preeminent health challenges facing the United States and publish a set of high-profile recommendations for progress. The summits will provide an opportunity to forge connections across focus areas. [Learn more about the](#)

## Apply to be a Bloomberg Fellow

The Bloomberg Fellows Program application cycle will reopen summer 2019.