PRESIDENTIAL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP
For Research Training in Health Disparities: Striving to Address a National Public Health Challenge

“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhuman…”

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Second National Convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Chicago, Illinois
March 25, 1966

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**About Presidential Doctoral Fellowship**

- Fellows can pursue any Ph.D. or Dr.Ph. program at the University at Albany and will receive transdisciplinary training in health disparities.
- Health disparities are a national public health challenge called out by the National Institutes of Health.
- According to the CDC, “Health disparities are preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations.”
- Career opportunities in health disparities related fields are growing in government agencies, non-governmental agencies, research institutions and universities to meet the national need.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Excellent preparation for doctoral study.
- Masters Preferred (but not required).
- Member of a minority population or under-represented group.
- Out-of-state and in-state students are encouraged to apply.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
- Applications are processed on a rolling basis.
- Apply anytime before February 1 of the year you intend to begin.

**HOW TO APPLY?**
- Visit [www.albany.edu/cemhd](http://www.albany.edu/cemhd)

**QUESTIONS:** Please email:
- Requests for Information: CEMHD@albany.edu
- Specific Questions: L. M. Schell, Ph.D Director, Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities lmschell@albany.edu

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS**
- Complete tuition and fees.
- Stipend of $18,000.
- Personal computer.
- Funding for travel to national professional meetings.
- Funding for membership in health disparities related professional association(s).

**TRAINING / MENTORSHIP**
- Ph.D. or Dr.Ph. degree in academic program spanning UAlbany’s offerings.
- Receipt of Health Disparities Graduate Certificate.
- Cutting edge courses will be offered.
- Mentoring by an experienced and trusted doctoral advisor, together with four (4) rotational mentors for experiential learning placements.
- Dedicated writing & statistical support.

**TRANSDISCIPLINARY / EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**
- Training through placements in research labs, community groups, NGOs, state/local health departments.
- Participation in national conference on health disparities hosted by the University President.
- Engagement with the local community health taskforces.
- Rich engagement with junior and senior-level faculty in health disparities.
- Part of a learning community which is home to one of the leading research and training hubs for health disparities in the northeastern United States.