

HEALTH DISPARITIES FELLOWS' ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

The placement should broaden the Fellow's experience. The experiential learning placement is an important contributor to **the transdisciplinary training that is the key element** of this training program. The **goal** is for you, the Fellow, to learn of fields that intersect with your own doctoral specialization but **are not within your specialization**. In doing so you will learn what other fields there are that could support your intended research/scholarship, and conversely, how you, with your specialization, could strengthen work in other fields. **Rotation placements are not repeatable**, as the goal is exposure to other "adjacent" disciplines to create transdisciplinary training. The placement itself could be a research experience with a researcher outside the mentee's area of specialization or a practice placement with:

- a local NGO,
- a governmental agency,
- with one of the CEMHD Task Forces (provided you are engaged with the Task Force in some substantive way, above and beyond simply attending meetings; for further details please contact the Director),
- or with CEMHD itself.

The **time commitment** for each rotation should be equal to one course, approximately 6-9 hours a week for the duration of ONE semester. You may obtain credit for the experience through registering for an independent study in your department, with the approval of your primary mentor, or you may do the experience as a non-credit activity.

A **rotational mentor (RM)** should supervise the placement, not your home department/primary mentor. For example, if your HDM is Dr. Smith, and your experiential placement rotation is with Dr. Jones, Dr. Jones is the RM. The responsibility and credit is important because RMs must submit reports on progress, liaise with your HDM, and will receive support for travel to a conference related to health disparities.

The HD fellow should submit and gain approval from their home department mentor and the Director for their placement. **Approval must be obtained at least two weeks before the start of the placement and preferably the semester before.**

To obtain approval you must submit in writing the name of the organization or scholar for the placement, their goal for the placement, and the number of hours expected to spend in the placement. The HD fellow can sign up for an independent study to provide them with the time for the placement, or if course work is using all available credits, can do the placement on a volunteer basis with the same time commitment (**six to nine hours per week**).

The HDM should liaise with the supervisor of the rotation (RM) on a monthly basis, or more often as needed. At the end of the rotation, you will need to submit to the Director a report of activities of approximately one to two pages.

Both forms for the Experiential Learning Placement (the [Approval](#) and [Final Report](#) forms) can be found on the CEMHD website under Presidential Doctoral Fellowship header on the left side of the page. Both forms **must be** signed by both your primary mentor and the Director of the Fellowship.

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