

## **CWRU MPH Community Health Partner Scholarship**

The CWRU MPH Program is currently offering a competitive scholarship to strengthen public health training and impact in local communities that are under-represented, under-served or have a history of discrimination. The program currently seeks to achieve this by sponsoring trainees that serve and/or represent these communities, particularly personnel and staff in our local/regional health departments.

### **Background**

The CWRU MPH Program has identified priority populations from local communities that are under-represented, under-served or have a history of discrimination. The CWRU MPH program is situated in a diverse city and region. However, the region also contains geographic, social, economic and educational disparities. We seek to prioritize and enhance recruitment of students and community partners representing and serving disadvantaged neighborhoods in the City of Cleveland, inner ring suburbs, county, and region. The identification of this priority population was the culmination of historical documentation, internal strategic planning, and community/partner communication through surveys and meetings. This scholarship is intended to create future public health leaders who will reflect our communities, best impact the health and wellness of our communities, complement partner training and development efforts, promote health, and enact health equity.

The priority populations for the CWRU MPH program include:

- historically marginalized populations
- communities with legacy of social and economic injustice
- racial, ethnic and gender minorities
- refugees and immigrants
- medically underserved populations
- residents of Cuyahoga County, especially Cleveland and East Cleveland
- public health professionals, personnel, staff, and trainees that serve these communities

### **Award Details**

This program scholarship will cover the tuition for up to 42 credits of CWRU MPH approved courses as part of a CWRU Master of Public Health degree.

### **Eligibility**

Individuals must submit a complete application to the CWRU MPH Program, be admitted and matriculated into the CWRU MPH Program, meet all rules and requirements of the CWRU School of Graduate Studies, PQHS Department, and MPH Program, and remain a student in good standing to be, and remain, eligible for this award.

## **Application Process**

Individuals may apply with an essay (no longer than 5 pages) describing how this training and the MPH degree will be utilized by the applicant to impact our community and program's priority populations. The essay should include mid- and long-term plans to demonstrate the applicant's dedication to health in our communities and sustainability of this investment. The essay, cover letter, CV/Resume, and at least one letter of support may be emailed to [mph-scholarship@case.edu](mailto:mph-scholarship@case.edu) no later than July 1. The review committee will prioritize local/regional health department personnel, staff, and trainees and under-represented minorities. Review of applications will occur on a rolling basis between April 1 and July 1.

## **Scholarship Review Committee**

Upon receipt of the scholarship application (essay, cover letter, CV/Resume, and at least one letter of support) and a complete, eligible application to the CWRU MPH Program, the review committee will select award recipient that they believe will best strengthen public health training and impact in local communities that are under-represented, under-served or have a history of discrimination. The review committee will prioritize local/regional health department personnel, staff, and trainees and under-represented minorities.

The review committee will include the PQHS Vice-Chair for Education, MPH Program Director, MPH Director of Community-Based Education, and one community representative. Final selection will be subject to the approval of the Chair of the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences.

## **Funding**

Funding for the equivalent of one full community scholarship per year (a total of two concurrent scholarships based on a two year-degree) is provided through the CWRU MPH Program, Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences. The scholarship will be announced annually, with availability depending on department resources. Recipients with employer-cost sharing may allow the program to extend the reach of this tuition support to additional recipients. Public donations to this and other forms of student and training activities are welcomed.