The Gateways Fellows program supports early career, peer-reviewed research on new directions and creative methodologies in the analysis of social and cultural topics in 21st century nursing. Fellows may choose to explore a range of critical issues in 21st century nursing and their relationship with the intersection of ability, citizenship, class, cultural geography, gender, race and/or sexual identity. Fellows will gain expertise and skill in communicating about and addressing the needs of special demographic and/or minority populations.

Participant benefits

- Book scholarships for courses and fellowship research of up to $1500 to be dispersed over two semesters of participation.
- Advanced research, writing and publication experience.
- Workshops on pathways to nursing faculty careers.
- Highly individualized academic support and personal coaching from UMSN faculty with related research interests as well as UMSN's resourceful staff.
- Peer support in meeting your academic and professional goals.

To apply
In a Word or PDF document, please submit a brief essay which addresses each of the four admissions criteria below.

- Must be able to demonstrate how you have overcome adversity and bring unique life experiences to nursing research.
- Must have a strong commitment to serving the public interest.
- Must be able to serve as a positive role model and mentor to peers.
- Must be able to demonstrate your ability to succeed at UMSN.

Be sure to include your name, year and program and submit the essay directly to Dr. Rushika Patel at rushika@med.umich.edu. The deadline for essays is October 17th and decisions will be made by Late October.

Undergraduate and graduate student program requirements.

1. Fellows will develop a paper or creative piece, a video or even a poem, for publication in a UMSN special issue which highlights them as well as their work.
2. Fellows will meet bi-weekly in a seminar style conference to participate in a peer review process of research papers and projects. Each seminar will focus on a robust discussion of strengths and areas of refinement in a single participant’s paper or project idea, facilitated to ensure a spirit of constructive collegiality amongst participants.
3. Students will meet regularly and on an individual basis with faculty and staff mentors who will review progress and offer individualized support and referral as needed.
4. Students will have the option to participate in informal and social events, and will be required to attend scheduled academic and professional workshops that will provide information on

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