



# UMSN Gateways Fellows

The Nursing Gateways Fellowship offers current School of Nursing students who are in the BSN program or any UMSN Master's degree program an opportunity to learn more about our doctoral programs (DNP and PhD) as well as other graduate or certificate program options. It is never too early or late to think about the DNP or PhD! While learning about these programs and their requirements, Gateways Fellows develop research and scholarly projects on a range of topics of their interest. Gateways Fellows receive scholarships, are matched with a faculty mentor based on their interests, participate in educational seminars, participate in an inclusive and supportive learning community with peers, and present their research and scholarly projects at the end of the program to other fellows and program mentors. The aim of this program is to promote innovation by diversifying the pipeline to UMSN doctoral programs. All Bachelor's and Master's degree seeking students are eligible to apply.

## Participant benefits:

- Book scholarships for courses and fellowship research of up to \$800 to be dispersed over two semesters of participation.
- Advanced research and scholarly writing experience.
- Workshops on pathways to graduate school at UMSN and beyond.
- Highly individualized academic support and personal coaching from UMSN faculty and staff.
- Peer feedback and support.

## To apply:

In a Word or PDF document, please submit a brief essay of 500–750 words that addresses each of the four admissions criteria below. Be sure to include your name, year, and program and submit the essay directly to Dr. Rushika Patel at [rushika@med.umich.edu](mailto:rushika@med.umich.edu). The deadline is **October 1, 2020** and decisions will be posted by **October 18, 2020**.

- 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 and pursuing further graduate studies.
- Must be able to attend all of the mandatory sessions below via video conference.
- Must be a current UMSN Bachelor's or Master's Degree Student.

## Undergraduate and graduate student program requirements:

1. Fellows will develop a research or scholarly project.
2. Fellows will attend 4 seminars to learn about UMSN's DNP and PhD programs as well as how to prepare for the graduate school admissions process. Seminar dates are as follows:
  - ✚ Wednesday, 11/4/2020
  - ✚ Wednesday, 1/13/2021
  - ✚ Wednesday, 2/10/2021
  - ✚ Wednesday, 3/17/2021All seminars will be held **virtually via Zoom**.
3. Students will meet regularly with faculty mentors.
4. Students will attend a virtual final meeting event on April 21, 2021 from 6–8pm.

If you have questions please contact Dr. Rushika Patel at [rushika@umich.edu](mailto:rushika@umich.edu) or Fiyinfoluwa Morenikeji at [fmoreni@umich.edu](mailto:fmoreni@umich.edu).