**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**Application Deadline: Friday, February 9, 2018**

The Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program (PSFP) is a one-year interdisciplinary fellowship program focused on community service and leadership development. PSFP is one of 15 programs in the nation of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship. With offices located in the Highland Park area of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program provides service opportunities for professionals-in-training who seek to help the underserved in southwest Pennsylvania.

***Eligibility.***  Any student enrolled at least for the 2018-2019 academic year in a graduate-level-degree-granting program in southwest Pennsylvania and the region is welcome to apply. Fellows will be selected from a diversity of fields in health or related fields including, but not limited to: medicine, nursing, law, public health, education, business, healthcare administration, dentistry, physical therapy, social work, occupational therapy, optometry, veterinary medicine, management, engineering, dance/music/art therapy, speech pathology, history, anthropology, psychology, environmental science, physicians assistant, pharmacy and more.

Students are invited to submit proposals for an original project that reflects Dr. Schweitzer’s ethic of *Reverence for Life.* **I**nterested students should investigate and reflect on the unmet health-related needs that exist in southwest PA and the region and on the ways in which their own energies and talents might contribute, even in small ways, to ameliorating one or more of these problems.  In proposing a project, then, keep in mind how your idea addresses those unmet health needs and might be of enduring value to the community.

Fellowship projects include the following:

* **Traditional Fellows** are required to provide a minimum of 200 hours of service through an existing community-based organization in the greater Pittsburgh area or its surrounding communities or counties. **160** hours must be completed in direct service to an underserved population; 40 hours will be work for “indirect (administrative work).
* **Environmental Fellows** are required to provide 300 hours of service, **170** must be direct service.
* a supervisor, or Site Mentor, at the host organization and a Faculty member (academic mentor) at the student's school will serve as mentors for the Fellow. If selected as a Fellow, the student will also have a Schweitzer Mentor, someone who is an alum of the Program or on the Advisory Board. Candidates do not have to have secured an agency to host their project prior to submitting their application.
* monthly progress reports on the Fellow's project (one to two pages)
* a written report at the conclusion of the project, including recommendations for ways in which the most valuable aspects of the Fellow’s project and experiences can be replicated or sustained

**Please note: The Fellowship experience is not only about individual service, but is also an opportunity to be part of an interdisciplinary group of students committed to work in underserved communities.**  In addition to the service project, Fellows work in groups to organize outreach projects. Additionally, they are **required** to attend monthly meetings, an overnight orientation in May 2018, the annual Mid-Year Schweitzer Fellows Celebration Event in October or November 2018 and Graduation in April 2019.

**The Fellowship Year goes from April 2018 – April 2019**.

**Traditional Fellows** receive a stipend of $2,000 (paid in 3 installments) both to underscore the seriousness of their work and to ensure that students who are already struggling financially are not discouraged from participating.

**Environmental Fellows** receive a $2,500 stipend for the additional service hours and other requirements.

**Selection:** Fellows will be selected on the basis of their completed application, their service commitment, and their ability to articulate ideas and goals related to their role in addressing unmet community needs. Additionally, we consider references, quality and feasibility of the proposed direct service project, and personal qualities.

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*“Do something wonderful, people may imitate it.”*

*~Dr. Albert Schweitzer*