Public Service Fellows
Integrating Training and Practice for Community Engagement in STEM

Professional Development Program in STEM

Public Service Fellows professional development program trains graduate and postdoc students in STEM to integrate public service with scientific training.

The program builds foundational knowledge, skills, and practical experience in public service and community engagement. Graduate and postdoc students from any STEM discipline will be able to incorporate issues of public concern into their career goals. This fellows program culminates in a practicum experience in one of four pathways, detailed below.

The Public Service Fellows Program consists of three semesters: (1) learn the fundamentals of public service and civic engagement in STEM, (2) engage in relationships & prepare materials, and (3) implement your learning in real-world community partnerships, mentored by WISCIENCE program directors.

In the implementation phase, Public Service Fellows complete a practicum with a community partner or organization in one of three specialized pathways:

1. Community-Engaged Teaching
   Courses that connect learning in the classroom to issues of public concern. 2-4 students serve as an instructor and gain first-hand experience designing and teaching a first-year service course.

2. Direct Service
   Addresses immediate needs of individuals and communities, often working directly with community members. A common example is outreach and communication.

3. Policy & Governance
   Incorporates evidence-based approaches related to policymaking, interacting with policymakers, governance and legislative processes, and nonprofit or advocacy work.

Apply by Friday, October 21, at 11:59 p.m.

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