

EMU MSW Behavioral Health Care Workforce Fellowship Program
Eastern Michigan University, School of Social Work
Fellowship Letter of Support, Fall 2016

You are being asked to complete a letter of support for an EMU MSW student applying for a fellowship program. A description of the Fellowship Program is provided below. Please use the description of the MSW Behavioral Health Care Workforce Fellowship Program to draft a letter of support for the Fellowship Student listed below. Identify the nature of your relationship with the student (supervisor, co-worker, administrator, etc.), and the length of the relationship. The letter should address the potential Fellowship student's commitment to social work practice, provide some information on your knowledge of their experience in a social work setting, and their potential for leadership in the field.

Fellowship Purpose

The EMU MSW Fellowship Program is designed to increase the number of MSW graduates who are prepared to serve children, adolescents, and transition-aged youth at-risk for, or in need of, mental health interventions. The fellowship program will prepare advanced MSW students for employment across the continuum of child-serving systems and organizations (child welfare, juvenile justice, community programs for homeless youth, substance abuse and violence prevention programs, anti-truancy and behavior problems in the schools, prevention programs for young parents, and community mental health). Fifteen Fellowships were awarded in 2014, twenty-three in 2015, and twenty-five fellowships will be awarded in 2016.

Fellowship description

Advanced Field Placement students accepted into the EMU MSW BH Fellowship Program will be required to attend an orientation for new Fellows during the Fall 2016 semester, enroll in a one credit hour elective course that will be offered during the Fellowship/advanced placement year, and complete a project (with input from their field instructor) that will provide their placement organization with information about a best practice option that could enhance their ability to serve their clients at risk for, or in need of mental health interventions.

Those accepted into the program will receive a \$10,000 stipend, take a special seminar associated with the goals of the fellowship, and work with the support of their agency supervisor on a project that supports evidence based practice at their placement agency. They will also apply to present their completed project at an EMU based or professional conference.

Support Letter submission

Once you have completed the letter of support, you may scan the letter and send it with this completed form to: MSWBHfellowshipprogram@emich.edu OR mail a hard copy to: MSW BH Fellowship Program, 317 Marshall Bldg., EMU, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Fellowship Candidate name [Click here to enter text.](#)

Name of individual providing support letter [Click here to enter text.](#)

Position of individual providing support letter: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Agency/organization affiliation of individual providing support letter: [Click here to enter text.](#)