



THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP®

*Addressing Health Disparities
by Developing Leaders in Service*



U.S. SCHWEITZER FELLOWS PROGRAM®

Delivering Both Immediate and Enduring Impact

Each year, The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) selects and supports more than 250 new university graduate school students to follow in Dr. Albert Schweitzer's footsteps by improving the health and well-being of vulnerable populations.

The U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Program immerses these students in an experiential learning process designed to develop and sharpen the skills and abilities necessary to become lifelong Leaders in Service: individuals who are dedicated to and skilled in meeting the health needs of underserved populations, and whose example influences and inspires others.

Each U.S. Schweitzer Fellow partners with a community-based organization to identify an unmet health need, design a yearlong, 200-hour service project with a demonstrable impact on that need, and bring that project from idea to implementation and impact—all on top of their usual academic responsibilities.

Simultaneously, Fellows undergo a mentored, reflective, and multidisciplinary leadership development program that enhances their ability to successfully carry out interventions that improve the health status of underserved people.

Rooted in a holistic understanding of health, ASF's programming and the Fellows' Schweitzer service projects focus not only on clinical health issues, but also on the social determinants of health—the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, and which are mostly responsible for health inequities.

Accordingly, Schweitzer projects encompass everything from improving the physical environment where people live, to promoting early-childhood literacy and parent engagement, to encouraging healthy exercise and nutrition habits, to launching and staffing community health centers and clinics.

U.S. Schweitzer Fellows develop the ability to:

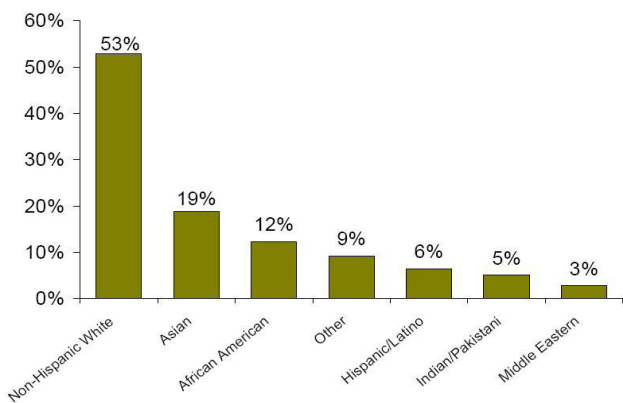
- Plan and implement effective community-based health interventions
- Understand the impact of the social and environmental determinants of health on individuals and communities
- Appreciate and value interdisciplinary collaboration as a major component of successful intervention and prevention initiatives
- Demonstrate leadership to improve the health status of underserved communities
- Balance personal and professional demands and remain committed to a life of service

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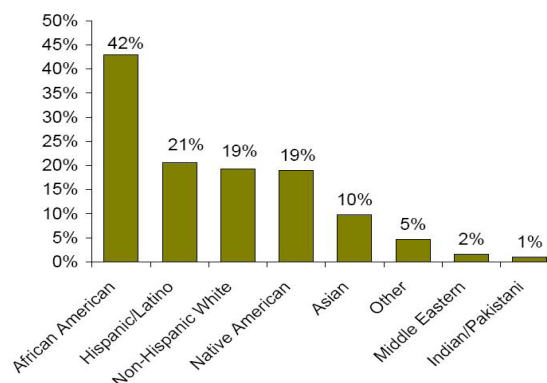
By the Numbers

Fellows served nearly 30,000 clients in the most recent program year. On average, 89% of clients had low or moderate incomes.

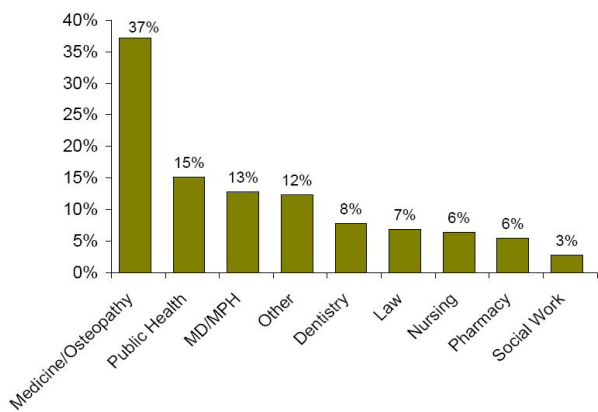
Fellowship Class Demographics



Client Demographics



Professional Affiliations of Fellows



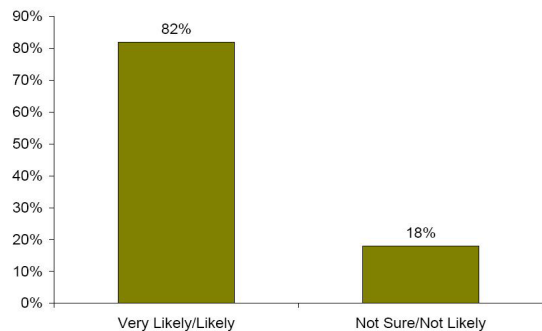
Top Issues Addressed by Fellows

- 1.) Nutrition/Physical Activity/Obesity
- 2.) Mental Health
- 3.) Diabetes
- 4.) Cardiovascular Disease
- 5.) Alcohol/Substance/Tobacco Abuse
- 6.) Oral Health
- 7.) HIV/AIDS
- 8.) Violence

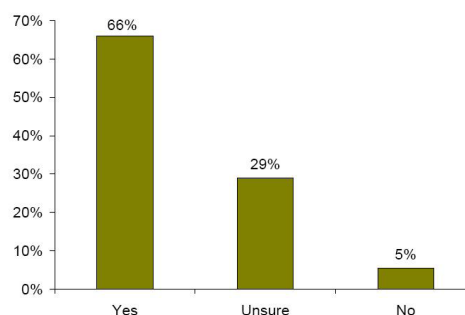
Top Populations Served by Fellows

- 1.) Ethnic Minorities/Immigrants
- 2.) Mothers/Children/Adolescents
- 3.) People Experiencing Homelessness
- 4.) People With Disabilities
- 5.) Formerly/Currently Incarcerated
- 6.) Elders

Likelihood That Fellow Will Continue Service After Fellowship Year



Community-Based Organizations Committed to Sustaining Fellowship Projects



Percentages in the "Fellowship Class Demographics," "Client Demographics," and "Professional Affiliations of Fellows" graphs do not add up to 100 due to dual degree programs and dual racial/ethnic self-identification.