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# Frequently Asked Questions

## BLOOMBERG AMERICAN HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

### 1 When can I apply to the Fellowship?

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The application for the Fellowship will open in early August. All fellowship applications must be submitted online through the fellowship website no later than the final deadline, Dec. 1, 2025. No late fellowship applications will be accepted.

### 2 How do I apply to the Fellowship program?

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Prospective Fellows must apply to either the Bloomberg School's MPH or DrPH program and the Fellowship program separately. The School's application can be completed via SOPHAS and the Fellowship application can be completed via Info Ready.

### 3 When will I know if I was accepted?

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Those applicants who are admitted to the MPH or DrPH program will be notified of their fellowship application decision during the month of March via email.

### 4 What is required of Fellows during and after the academic year?

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In general, the key requirements include:

- pursuing the MPH or DrPH degree in good faith;
- participating in good faith in the chosen focus area during the program;
- engaging with the collaborating organization during the period of study; and
- working for at least one year following graduation with the collaborating organization in the chosen focus area

### 5 When do Fellows begin the MPH or DrPH program?

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Fellows in the MPH program begin in June and fellows in the DrPH program begin in August.

### 6 Am I eligible to be a Fellow?

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The Bloomberg Fellows Program is designed for individuals who are currently working with organizations on the front lines of one of our five focus areas. The organization's work in the chosen focus area must be based in the United States, and the applicant's work with this organization must be based in the United States.

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### 7 What happens if I need to change collaborating organizations?

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Fellowship applications are reviewed and selected based on both the applicant and the collaborating organization. If a selected fellow changes their collaborating organization:

- after being offered the fellowship,
- after accepting the fellowship offer,
- during the onboarding process,
- prior to starting the program, or
- within 6 months of starting the program,

the fellowship offer will be rescinded. The candidate may reapply to the fellowship program the following year with their new collaborating organization.

### 8 What kind of organizations qualify as collaborating organizations?

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Public or private organizations that wish to qualify as collaborating organizations must work on issues related to one of the five focus areas. These may be but are not required to be traditional public health organizations, such as health departments.

### 9 What are the terms of the grant award?

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For accepted Bloomberg Fellows:

- The Fellow must accept, sign, and fulfill the Grant Agreement.
- The collaborating organization must sign the letter of commitment and pledge in good faith to employ the fellow for at least one year following graduation.

The Grant Agreement requires Fellows to:

- Successfully complete the Master of Public Health degree program, and
- Fulfill the Service Obligation, which is to continue working as a full-time employee with the collaborating organization in the chosen focus area of study for a period of one year following the completion of the Master of Public Health program. Employment must commence within one year of completing the degree requirements.
- Fulfill the terms of the grant agreement

Failure to satisfy either of the above terms will require the Fellow to repay the full amount of the grant award within one hundred eighty (180) days of such failure. The Fellow may choose to enter into a loan arrangement (for a term not to exceed fifteen [15] years with an annual interest rate of 1%) with JHU to repay the grant or repay the grant in full from other sources.