The Board Fellowship Program prepares graduate students for mission-driven leadership. Students develop project management skills and gain insight into the challenges and complexities of nonprofit management and governance.

**Program Duties**

As a Board Fellow, you serve as a non-voting board member of a nonprofit organization in Southeast Michigan from October through April.

Board Fellows requirements:

- Work closely with the board and staff leadership at the organization
- Participate in all board meetings, serve on committees, and learn organizational issues
- Commit to approximately 8 hours a month
- Complete a board-level project that tackles a key priority for the organization
- Participate in B+I info sessions, training, and workshops
- Take part in Board Fellow Forum events

**Board Projects**

Projects assigned are board-level strategic projects, and are designed to be completed during the academic year. Examples of student projects could include:

- Performance measurement
- Strategic plans
- Marketing plans
- Fund development
- Board Governance

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**TIMELINE**

- **August** – Student applications available
- **September** – Participate in mandatory student info session
- **Mid-September** – Applications are due
- **Late September** – Select applicant interviews
- **Early October** – Board Fellows are announced
- **October** – Mandatory orientation for fellows and nonprofit orgs
- **October – April** – Students serve as Board Fellows

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“This program reinforced my commitment to working in the nonprofit space, with the long-term goal of consulting for nonprofits to help them achieve their strategic goals.”

– Emily Edkins (MBA ’21) with North Star Reach

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