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 Highlights**

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 highlights:**

- Collaborate with nonprofit experts in a dynamic environment by working closely with the board and staff leadership at the nonprofit
- Participate in all board meetings, serve on committees, and learn organizational issues
- Create innovative solutions for social issues that affect the SE MI community
- Exercise your professional and academic skills to affect impactful change by completing a board-level project that tackles a key priority for the organization
- Receive professional mentorship, training, workshops and access to diverse nonprofit board leadership resources
- Commit to approximately 8 hours a month

**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

“The Board Fellowship allowed me to develop my consulting, leadership, and relationship building skillset, while adding value to a highly impactful community organization.”

– Gabriela Álvarez Estades (MBA ’22) with Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living

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**TIMELINE**

- **August** – Student applications available
- **September 1** – Information session at 12 pm at Ross
- **September 7** – Information session at 4 pm at Ford
- **September 9** – Applications are due
- **Mid September** – Select applicant interviews
- **Late September** – Board Fellows are announced
- **September 30** – Orientation for fellows and nonprofit orgs
- **October – April** – Students serve as Board Fellows

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