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Connecticut Health Foundation (CT Health) is the state's largest health philanthropy dedicated to improving lives by changing health systems. Since we were established in July 1999, we have supported innovative grant-making, public health policy research, technical assistance and convening to achieve our mission of improving the health of the people of Connecticut.

After meeting with state agencies, community leaders, and health care professionals, we selected the following priority areas:

- Children's mental health
- Health policy / advocacy
- Oral health
- Racial and ethnic health disparities

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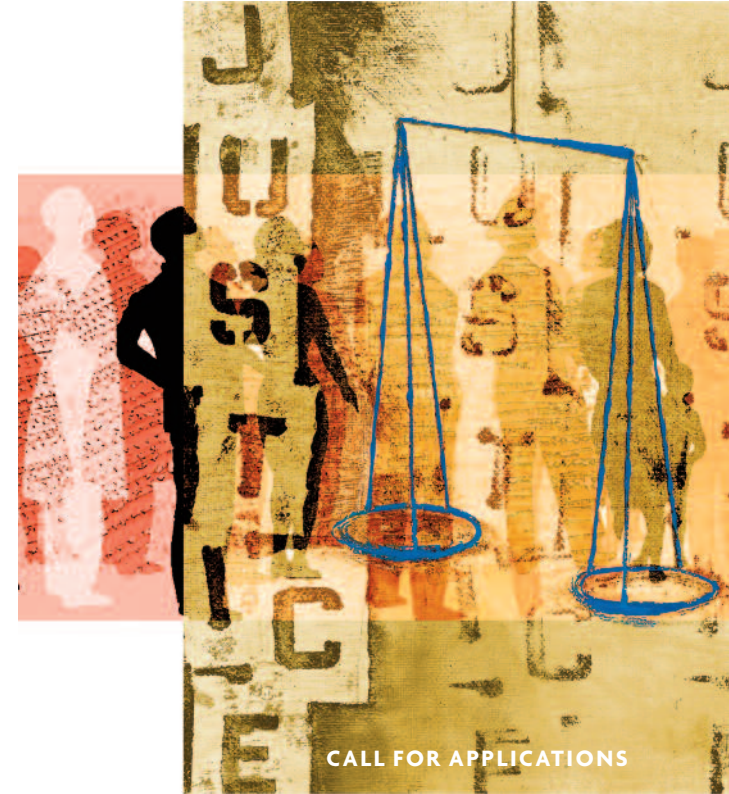
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**HEALTH LEADERSHIP
FELLOWS PROGRAM**

2013

PURPOSE

CT Health is pleased to call for applications for the 2013 Health Leadership Fellows program. This exciting program will allow you to further develop your leadership skills to address the issue of health equity in our state over the long term.

At CT Health, we're aware that not all residents of Connecticut share equally in good health. Members of racial and ethnic communities are more likely to report poor health status and experience higher mortality rates for many health conditions, including heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. CT Health is committed to fully addressing these vital health issues in Connecticut through the creation of a network of leaders equipped to take on this issue at a systems level.

The Health Leadership Fellows program, established in 2005, brings together diverse yet like-minded individuals from multiple sectors who are dedicated to achieving health equity. Each year, we select up to 20 participants into this competitive ten-month program, and enhance their leadership skills to both address racial and ethnic health disparities and to build public will for health equity.

The Health Leadership Fellows network comprises 140 diverse leaders who are currently spearheading change in their places of employment, their local communities, and statewide to advance this important issue.

BACKGROUND

The 2013 Health Leadership Fellows Program runs from September through June. Through monthly, half-day seminars, two weekend retreats, a group leadership project, and outside coursework, we foster a learning-intensive environment for our participants to challenge themselves and each other.

The cultivation of our leaders takes place through a variety of activities, including:

- Learning from state and national health leaders, policy-makers, trainers, and your peers
- Developing an understanding of the theory behind systems change as part of realizing health equity
- Discovering your own personal leadership style and how to work with other styles in multi-disciplinary coalitions
- Communicating with strategic, values-based messaging to effectively influence others around this issue
- Expanding your professional network across sectors and industries

Participants in the 2013 class who complete the program become "Health Leadership Fellows" at the June commencement ceremony, and join an elite group who work together as colleagues to share information, resources, and opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY

Our single strongest requirement for our candidates is a demonstrated commitment to achieving health equity in the state of Connecticut. Our program is targeted towards individuals from all career paths who want to have an impact on this important issue.

Ideal candidates will also possess leadership experience, strong critical thinking skills, access to opportunities to implement change and influence others, and a desire for ongoing learning and collaboration.

Availability for attendance at all ten monthly half-day seminars and two weekend retreats, as well as completion of the group project and outside coursework, are required.

APPLICATION

Application to the program requires two steps, the first of which is a written application form due by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2012. www.cthealth.org/initiatives/health-leadership-fellows-program

Select applicants will be invited to complete the second step of the application process, an in-person interview. The class of 2013 will be selected from those interviewed.

Questions should be directed to Senior Program Officer and Health Leadership Fellows Program Director Elizabeth Krause Elizabeth@cthealth.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2012	April 2	Submission Deadline
	May–June	Applicant Interviews
	Mid July	Notification
	September 12	Orientation
2013	October 12–14	Fall Retreat
	April 12–14	Spring Retreat



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