

PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

Are you interested in an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of public health and prepare for leadership positions in research, policy, and practice in your community?



36 BPI Public Health Fellows over the last 5 years

100% of past and current Fellows receive career advising and assistance

Past Fellows are at work in health-related jobs including:

- Client Services Providers
- Community Engagement Specialists
- Contact Tracers
- Harm Reduction Program Managers
- Health Education Promoters
- Hospital Operations Managers
- Licensed Social Workers
- Peer Recovery Specialists
- Program Associates, NYCDOHMH
- Public Health Advisors
- Wellness Advocates



About the BPI Public Health Fellowship

The BPI Public Health Fellowship is an academic and professional development program dedicated to addressing the underrepresentation of justice-system involved professionals in crafting life-determining public health policy and programs.

Fellows participate in monthly cohort-wide learning and networking events alongside individualized instruction and advising in the form of one-on-one engagement with experts in the field of public health. Fellows also develop an independent project of their choosing which has implications for their own intellectual and professional development as well as for the collective well-being of particular communities. Issues as diverse as the economics of healthcare and nutrition justice in schools to housing equity, gun violence policy, and more, encompass forces that touch the lives of justice-system involved individuals and affect the health of the communities from which they come. Past Fellows have tackled these topics as well as a wide-range of other cutting-edge, timely issues and approaches of pressing concern for the field and practice of public health.

You are eligible for the BPI Public Health Fellowship if you are/have:

- A formerly incarcerated Returned Citizen
- Completed Associates Degree
- Employed in a health-related field or actively seeking a career in public health or related social services fields
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination (Required of all Bard College employees)

The Fellowship's tutorial model of advanced education in tandem with the cohort sessions will enable each Fellow to broaden and deepen both their general and specialized knowledge in public health.

Reach out to learn more. If you are interested in the Fellowship or have friends or colleagues who might be interested, please feel free to reach out to Gabriel N. Mendes, BPI Director of Public Health Programs, at mendes@bard.edu / 619.559.0592.

Consider applying for the 2022-23 Fellowship.

The BPI Public Health Fellowship commitment includes:

- Commitment of 10 months
- \$5,000 stipend disbursed quarterly
- Two monthly cohort-wide academic and professional development events (one in-person projected, unless Fellow resides outside NYC metropolitan area)
- Individualized instruction, advising, and one-on-one engagement with public health experts
- Capstone project and presentation at BPI Public Health Symposium



Application Process and Timeline

The 2022-23 BPI Public Health Fellowship will run from late September 2022 to mid-June 2023. Applications will be due on **May 30 2022**, interviews with applicants will take place in early June 2022, and applicants will be notified of admissions decisions by mid-July 2022.

Application materials will include:

- Current Resume/CV;
- Statement of Purpose (500-700 words): describing your professional goals and how the Fellowship will (a) help you achieve them and (b) fit in to your current work life;
- Prospective Project Plan (with reference to its feasibility, stakeholders, target population(s), and potential takeaways);
- Academic or Professional Letter of reference from an instructor or supervisor
- Unofficial Undergraduate Transcripts

In preparation for the spring 2022 application process, the BPI Public Health Programs will host a series of information and application completion sessions in March and April 2022. These sessions will be held virtually through Zoom video conferencing. Announcements of the date, time, and Zoom link for these events will be sent out by email and posted to BPI social media pages in February and March.

Recent research topics conducted by BPI Public Health Fellows

Curtis Evans '20-21 — “Community Love and Support for the Successful (CLASS): Therapeutic Programming for Children of Substance Abusing Parents (COSAPS)”

Patricia Howard '19-20 — “A Public Health Approach to Disaster Preparedness and Management”

Rashaan Brown '19-20 — “Identifying, Measuring, and Systematizing What Makes an Effective Community/Street-Level Violence Interrupter, Tasked with Stemming the Spread of Gun Violence”



Hancy Maxis BPI '15, Public Health Fellow '18-19

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