The goal of GEhMS is to increase community capacity to reduce health disparities in our state, by supporting underrepresented minority (URM) graduate students in biomedical and behavioral sciences, who have strong ties to underserved Montana communities. The program supports new and continuing URM graduate students in MSU health programs by facilitating opportunities to conduct community-based participatory research on health issues in their home communities, as well as by providing academic, financial and social support.

CONSIDERING GRADUATE SCHOOL BUT NOT SURE WHERE TO START?
If you never thought you could go to graduate school, we disagree! Come talk to us! We will discuss what graduate school involves and help you determine if it’s a good fit for you. Confusing application? We will work with you through the entire application process. No funding? We can help. Once you are at MSU, we will provide support throughout your graduate program, and connect you to other minority graduate students through organizations such as the Society of American Indian Graduate Students. Worried about statistics, organic chemistry or another challenging course? We’ll provide tutoring. Interested in health careers and your community? We are too.
PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Mentoring through MSU's graduate school application process, including providing resources for preparing to take the Graduate Record Exam
- Competitively available stipends at $9,000/year for Masters degree students (two years maximum) and $14,000/year for Doctoral students (three years maximum)
- Professional development opportunities to prepare students for working successfully in their communities, including leadership development, grantwriting and grants administration
- Mini-grants for graduate research projects
- Optional research methods course sequence, including training in community-based participatory research
- Tutoring for the most challenging courses, such as statistics and organic chemistry
- Training in presentation skills and conference travel to present research results
- Referrals to other graduate scholarship opportunities and student support services
- Optional participation in the Society of American Indian Graduate Students organization at MSU and other cohort activities

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested students must be admitted to the Division of Graduate Studies (DGE) at Montana State University (http://www.montana.edu/wwwdgr/) and a graduate degree program related to health or biomedicine. Application to the GEhMS program is a separate process (see our website), but is contingent on successful admission to the DGE. Assistance with and mentorship through the graduate school application process is available from the GEhMS Program Coordinator. As part of the application to the GEhMS program, students will be asked to write a one page description of their scientific interests and long-term goals and how these relate to the goals of the GEhMS program.

“For me, Montana State was a great choice. It was important for me that I had a great support system and I knew I wanted to be a part of progressive Native Health Research. I found both of these at Montana State University-Bozeman. My graduate program is challenging, but I am excited to be a part of such positive growth in the health fields for Indian country.”

— Candy Felicia
graduate student
Health & Human Development
Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Cree & Blackfoot

“The creative genius and survival skills of Native people are more than a match for the challenges of graduate school. We are powerful individually but together we can change the future of our Nations. Native Mountains and Native Minds and more.”

— Lisa Lone Fight
graduate student
Land Resources Environmental Science
Mandan, Hidatsa and Sahnish

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