

**NONPROFIT  
BOARD  
FELLOWS**



**TIMELINE:**

- AUG: [Applications Live](#)
- AUG 31: [Info Session \(Zoom\)](#)
- SEPT 5: [Info Session \(Ross\)](#)
- SEPT 6: [Info Session \(Ford\)](#)
- SEPT 14 @ 11:59 PM: [Apps Due](#)
- MID-SEPT: Interviews  
and Board Fellows Announced
- OCT 6: Board Fellows Kickoff
- OCT-MAR: Program time  
frame

## PROGRAM SUMMARY \_

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.

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



“ My time as a Board Fellow has confirmed my desire to serve on a nonprofit’s board in the future. Beyond that, however, I have a better understanding of the operations of a nonprofit, and as I hope to work in that sector, this experience will be a huge asset in that regard.”

– ZACH NEROD, MBA/MS '24  
with Washtenaw Housing Alliance

**300**  
ORGANIZATIONS  
SINCE 1999

**700**  
BOARD FELLOWS  
PLACED

**34**  
SECTORS  
REPRESENTED

**24**  
YEARS OF  
PLACEMENTS

## 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



Alexia Carrillo Villalobos (MPP '23) and Alexa Pete (MBA '24) [sitting center] in a strategy meeting at [A Brighter Way](#) in 2023.

## 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