

## DBHR Prevention Fellowship FAQs

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### Q: Where can I find the application? When is it due?

A: It is due at 11:59pm PST on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

- [Candidates currently employed by WSU \(internal link\)](#)
- [External candidates \(not employed by WSU\)](#)

### Q: When are Information Sessions for the DBHR Prevention Fellowship?

A: Information sessions will be held during the following dates below. Attendance is not required to apply for the DBHR Prevention Fellowship. Please register using the links below if you would like to join us:

- **09/20:** 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time ([ZOOM Registration Link](#))
- **09/21:** 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time ([ZOOM Registration Link](#))

### Q: Is this a paid fellowship?

A: Yes! This is a full-time salaried position with a pay of \$4,300/month that is benefits-eligible.

### Q: How long is the fellowship?

A: 10 months.

### Q: What is the timeline for Cohort 11?

A:

- Phase 1 (Nov – January): Fellows will be based in Olympia, WA under the mentorship of staff at the WA Healthcare Authority's Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery (DBHR-Prevention). In Phase 1, Fellows will learn about prevention and the ins and outs of state government, building skills in project management, administration, and providing technical assistance to subcontractors. Fellows will be expected to live in Olympia, WA for the duration of Phase 1.
- Phase 2 (February – April): Fellows will be placed in a CPWI Community Coalition under the mentorship of a Coalition Coordinator. In Phase 2, Fellows will learn the ins and outs of a community-based coalition/organization: project implementation, local/county government administration, and community organization. Fellows will be expected to move to the location of their Phase 2 CPWI Community Coalition for four months.
- Phase 3 (May – August): Fellows will be placed in a community that has yet to establish a CPWI Community Coalition. In phase 3, Fellows are tasked with helping start a community coalition with the support of staff at DBHR and Washington State University. Fellows will be expected to move to the location of their Phase 3 placement site for four months.





**Q: That timing doesn't work for me. Will there be other cohorts?**

**A:** Yes, pending grant funding, there will be a Cohort 12 beginning in spring/summer 2024. To be contacted when that application is live, email [clara.hill@wsu.edu](mailto:clara.hill@wsu.edu) and [Endalkachew.abebaw@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Endalkachew.abebaw@hca.wa.gov).

**Q: What are you looking for in a DBHR Prevention Fellow?**

**A:**

- Individuals who have a Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (including but not limited to public health, public policy, social work, sociology, psychology, human development).
- Individuals who are interested in an intensive, hands-on learning experience in substance abuse prevention and health promotion services
- Individuals who have experience providing training to culturally diverse audiences on prevention and health promotion topics.
- Individuals who have effective communication skills.
- Individuals who are willing to travel within and across Washington State.
- Individuals who are willing and have the ability to work non-standard hours.

**Q: What will I be doing as a DBHR Prevention Fellow?**

**A:**

- Gain and reinforce knowledge of prevention science, substance use prevention, and mental health promotion.
- Participate in statewide prevention trainings which can help to qualify you for a Certified Prevention Professional Certificate.
- Gain experience in strategic planning, program design, implementation, and contract and program management.
- Assist with policy and programmatic development for Washington State.
- Provide technical assistance to communities throughout Washington State.
- Engage in community level work and increase capacity for community-based leadership.

**Q: What is WSU's involvement?**

**A:** The fellowship is a partnership between DBHR and prevention researchers in the Department of Human Development at WSU. Fellows are employed through WSU as contractors, but their day-to-day work is managed by DBHR and by their community's needs in each phase.

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