



Center for Community Health & Prevention  
*University of Rochester Medical Center*

## E. Cowles Andrus Summer Fellowship Community Health Improvement Application

Summer 2025

Application Deadline: **Friday, February 7, 2025, by 5:00PM**  
Completed applications must be submitted electronically.

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## THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH & PREVENTION (CCHP)

The CCHP serves as an academic center within the University of Rochester Medical Center, conducting research and developing and implementing programs that address community health and disparities.

**Our mission:** To join forces with the community to promote health equity; improve health through research, education, services, and policy; and establish local and national models for prevention and community engagement.

## THE FELLOWSHIP

The Center for Community Health & Prevention provides \$5,000 to medical students, or exceptional public health master's students, through the E. Cowles Andrus Summer Fellowship. This fellowship offers an opportunity to medical students to plan and conduct community health improvement projects that impact the health and wellness of Rochester and its surrounding areas. Dr. E. Cowles Andrus, MD was a worldwide leader in cardiology who made significant contributions to heart research, teaching, and patient care and was instrumental in the development of cardiology as an independent medical discipline. Although applications do not need to be cardiology focused, special consideration will be given to projects that make a connection between community health and long-term cardiovascular health.

The summer fellow will work independently full-time for eight weeks on a substantial and sustainable project mutually agreed upon by the student and the needs of the CCHP. Each Andrus fellow will work in collaboration with a manager or director who has expertise in the area of the project work, and who will serve as the preceptor for the fellow.

- It is preferred that the fellow work within the CCHP with a manager or director who oversees a CCHP project. However, if a fellow applicant has a community health project with a manager or director outside of CCHP, that project will be considered, and the fellow will be asked to also 'check in' with CCHP leadership in an area of expertise similar to the proposed project.
- Andrus fellowship applicants can have a community health improvement project proposal already developed; however, this is not required. Students with an interest in community health are encouraged to apply and will be matched with work and leadership within the CCHP to meet the interests of the student while addressing existing needs of the CCHP.

Applications will be evaluated based on demonstrated commitment to community, understanding of the Center for Community Health & Prevention, and the potential for contributing to a successful project.

**Coordinators:** Theresa Green, PhD, MBA, Director of Community Health Policy and Education & Carolyn Settle, MPH, Community Health Education Coordinator

**Eligibility:** Current URM MD students (preferred) and exceptional MPH students

**Duration:** 8 weeks

**Stipend:** \$5,000

## Application Requirements:

1. A completed **Andrus Cover Sheet** (p.3)
2. Completed **Andrus Application Responses** (p.4) - No project proposal is needed
3. At least **one brief informal letter of support** from a mentor or supervisor, preferably faculty at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry or community leaders. The letter should mention your previous work in community or public health if applicable.
4. Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Typically, only one applicant will be funded annually, and each interested student should submit their own application. Brief interviews will be conducted with all qualified applicants and additional questions about the project can be discussed at that time.

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**Questions?** Please contact Dr. Theresa Green ([Theresa.Green@URMC.Rochester.edu](mailto:Theresa.Green@URMC.Rochester.edu)) or Carolyn Settle ([Carolyn.Settle@URMC.Rochester.edu](mailto:Carolyn.Settle@URMC.Rochester.edu))

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## **Andrus Cover Sheet:**

Name:

Current Educational Program:

Graduation Year:

Email:

Address:

Will you be in Rochester during summer 2025 (YES/NO):

Tentative dates for fellowship work (choose dates between June – August):

Person submitting the Letter of Support:

Checklist for application:

- ☐ Cover sheet (p.3)
- ☐ Application responses (p.4)
- ☐ Letter of support
- ☐ Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Please submit all application materials via email to Carolyn Settle, MPH, Community Health Education Coordinator at [Carolyn\\_Settle@URMC.Rochester.edu](mailto:Carolyn_Settle@URMC.Rochester.edu)

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## **Andrus Application Responses:**

Please answer the following questions. Please be succinct, limit each answer to NO MORE THAN a few paragraphs each.

- 1) Why are you interested in this fellowship? How will the Andrus fellowship advance your learning for future career goals?
- 2) After reviewing the CCHP website (<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/community-health>) are there particular programs within the CCHP that you are most interested in? Elaborate on how you could contribute to the goals of this program, or what type of project you would propose within the CCHP.
- 3) Have you worked previously with anyone at the Center for Community Health & Prevention? If so, with whom and when?
- 4) Is there a particular project you would like to complete this summer, if different than described in answer #2? If so, please describe (this is not a requirement for the fellowship):
- 5) Are there particular community agencies you are interested in working with?
- 6) Describe any previous community health experience (volunteer, coursework):
- 7) Describe any previous research experience:
- 8) Other relevant information or skills you want us to know about: