2026 CIVIC HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

Be an Agent of Systemic Change

You entered healthcare to make a difference. But how often do you feel limited by the systems around you? With the 2026 midterms approaching, you have a unique opportunity to address the root causes of health inequity through nonpartisan civic engagement.

Healthcare professionals like you have earned deep trust within our communities. Now you can expand your impact by mobilizing your patients and colleagues during this critical election year that will determine the access, cost, and quality of care in our country.

Who The Fellowship Is For

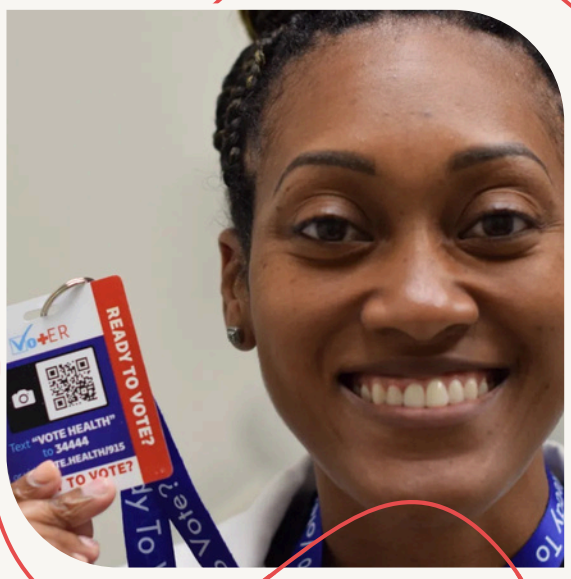
You are a health professional (physician, nursing professional, social worker, physician assistant, health administrator, community health worker, resident/fellow, and/or health professional student) who's passionate about advocating for your patients. You want to work alongside a team of your colleagues to positively impact your patients and communities through civic engagement. You are in a place in your work where you can commit to driving civic engagement work in your community.

What You Will Gain

As a Civic Health Fellow, you'll receive expert training in community organizing from world-class faculty, including Nobel Peace Prize nominee Srdja Popovic. You'll gain the resources and support to launch effective nonpartisan voter registration and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaigns in your institution during the election cycle when it matters most.

Research shows that civic engagement is directly linked to better health outcomes. By helping patients register to vote, you're not just strengthening democracy. You're advancing public health in your community.

Join a nationwide network of healthcare leaders who are proving that voting is a health issue. Together, we can build healthier communities through civic engagement.



Program Structure

The 8-month Fellowship runs from April through November and requires about 5-10 hours per month. You'll participate in 90-minute virtual training sessions approximately 3x/month, collaborate in small groups with fellow healthcare professionals, and gain hands-on experience with nonpartisan civic engagement campaigns.

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Program Schedule with World Class Faculty

Learn from civic engagement experts including Nobel Peace Prize nominee Srdja Popovic, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health professor Pedja Stojicic, and community organizer Brian Archie. Sessions meet virtually on **Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 PM Eastern Time**, designed to accommodate healthcare professionals' busy schedules.



April 8 - Kickoff Session & Teams Module
April 15 - Module 1: Vision of Tomorrow Lesson
April 22 - Module 1: Vision of Tomorrow Reflection
May 6 - Module 2: Pillars of Support & Relationships Lesson
May 20 - Module 2: Pillars of Support & Relationships Reflection
May 27 - Module 3: Campaign Strategic Goal & Planning Lesson
June 10 - Module 3: Campaign Strategic Goal & Planning Reflection
June 17 - Module 4: Tactics Lesson
July 1 - Module 4: Tactics Reflection
July 8 - Module 5: Snowflake & Campaign Structure Lesson
July 22 - Module 5: Snowflake & Campaign Structure Reflection
July 29 - Module 6: Public Narrative Lesson
Aug 5 - Module 6: Public Narrative Reflection
Aug 26 - Campaign Progress Session 1
Sept 9 - Campaign Progress Session 2
Oct 14 - Campaign Progress Session 3
Nov 18 - Celebration Session

Fellowship Campaign

This isn't academic theory. By November, you'll have measurable results and a proven model you can replicate. You'll launch a real nonpartisan civic engagement campaign in your institution during the 2026 midterms. Working in teams with fellow healthcare professionals, you'll choose at least one focused objective and make it happen:

- **Register and mobilize voters:** Get your patients and colleagues registered and to the polls
- **Recruit organizers:** Expand the movement by bringing more people into voter registration efforts
- **Drive institutional change:** Embed civic engagement into your organization's standard practices
- **Advance policy reform:** Lower barriers to voting or healthcare access in your community.

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Program Investment

Vot-ER offers sliding-scale fees to ensure the Fellowship is accessible to all healthcare professionals. We also offer discounts of between 25-50% depending on one's previous level of involvement with Vot-ER:

- *Community health workers/promotoras*: $25
- *Medical, nursing, or social work students*: $100
- *Social workers, nurses, residents, and fellows*: $200
- *Physician assistants and administrators*: $500
- *Attending physicians*: $1,000

Financial aid is available upon request, and no candidate will be turned away due to cost. We encourage participants to seek program coverage through their academic institutions, CME funds, or other professional development resources.



Team Requirement & Info Sessions

Teams are a core element of the Fellowship. You must be part of a team at your institution or healthcare association, but don't worry, we'll help you build one.

Need help recruiting teammates? We're hosting info sessions and team-building trainings leading up to the application deadline.

Find upcoming info sessions and events at vot-er.org/events

Ready to Apply?

Priority Deadline: March 15th
Final Deadline: March 31st

Submit your application through our online portal. Remember that each team member must apply separately, listing their team members in the application. Questions about the application process? Contact fellowship@vot-er.org.

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CONTACT US AT FELLOWSHIP@VOT-ER.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS