

HC IMPACT Participant Application

Thank you for your interest in participating in HC IMPACT! This form will provide a brief description of the HC IMPACT program, provide an overview of the application process & timeline, and serve as the formal application. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Crews (ecrews@msu.edu).

* Required

1. Email address: *

HC IMPACT Program Description

HC IMPACT, the Honors College's service week (Sunday, August 21 to Sunday, August 28), is open to 40 incoming HC members who will be introduced to a variety of different focus areas related to social inequity & inequality (such as, but not limited to, poverty, health, education, and environment) and engage in service with various community organizations in the Greater Lansing area. Each day will conclude with reflective discussions to connect the day's materials and participation in social activities. Throughout the week, there will be opportunities to form lasting relationships with other Honors College students, faculty, and staff while positively impacting MSU and neighboring communities.

The program will extend into the academic year with connection to an Honors first-year seminar course (UGS 101H) and a linked Honors English course (ENG 211H). The first-year seminar is a 2-credit course in the Fall semester focusing on topics covered during the summer program that provides the opportunity to continue the service experience with a community organization of your choice that addresses social inequity in the city of Lansing. The English class can serve as an Arts & Humanities (IAH) substitution or a Tier I Writing course, depending on what is needed. While enrollment in both courses is expected, participants will work with an HC academic advisor during New Student Orientation to determine if ENG 211H is needed based upon AP/IB/dual-enrollment credits.

The HC IMPACT Program will cost participants approximately \$150, paid towards early overnight housing expenses and charged to the Fall semester bill. If the cost presents a hardship, please contact us about scholarship resources.

HC IMPACT & COVID-19

Our primary focus in determining if the program will run virtually vs. in-person is the health & safety of participants, staff, and members of the community organizations we engage with. Program staff will continue monitoring the situation in collaboration with institutional leadership and the direction MSU will take in following CDC recommendations for events & meetings during Summer 2022.

As of March 2022, program staff are preparing for virtual and in-person iterations of HC IMPACT and a final decision about the format will be communicated to selected participants during June/July. There is a place within the application for you to share any questions/comments/concerns you have about the program format. You will have the ability to accept/deny participation in the program based upon the final program format.

We may expand the program size to include 50 total participants should the program be offered virtually.

Service Activities

Throughout the week, we will explore several types of service: direct, indirect, advocacy, etc. In connecting with our community organizations, you'll learn about their missions and the populations they serve.

For an in-person program, some of your engagement may include: helping teachers prepare their classrooms, delivering community resources to residents in the local community, gardening & weeding, and preparing meals for distribution in the community.

Some days you'll engage directly with members of the community while supporting the organization's mission. Other days, you'll complete tasks that help support the organization's operation and allow the organization to best utilize its human & financial resources. Your experience during HC IMPACT will include various types of service that all contribute to supporting each organization and the populations they serve (whether directly or indirectly).

For a virtual program, you'll engage with our community partners and HC IMPACT Mentors to learn how best each organization serves the community, what needs they may have of volunteers, and how you can get involved with virtual and/or in-person service. We are continuing to explore potential virtual service opportunities based upon the needs of our community partners.

The week before the program, participants will be provided the list of our 2022 community partners and the nature of service.

HC IMPACT Application Process and Timeline

The remainder of this Google Form serves as the formal application to be a participant of HC IMPACT.

Timeline:

March 1: Applications open

May 8: Applications close

June: Applicants will be notified of their status

Participant Application

Please answer the following questions to be considered for participation in HC IMPACT.

2. First name: *

3. Last name: *

4. MSU email address: *

5. Cell phone number: *

6. Major(s): *

7. Minor(s):

8. How did you hear about HC IMPACT? *Check all that apply.* *

- ADS resource fair
- Current MSU student
- Direct email

- Honors College Admissions webinar
- Honors College website
- MSU staff or faculty member
- Postcard
- Word of mouth
- Other:

9. So we can get a sense of your interests, please check up to three (3) issues about which you feel most passionate (Note: This information will not be used to evaluate your application): *

- Environmental issues
- Political participation/advocacy
- Racial justice issues
- Class/socioeconomic issues
- Health/food justice issues
- International issues
- Education issues
- Other:

10. Please share any questions/comments/concerns you have about a virtual/in-person HC IMPACT.

11. Why are you interested in participating in HC IMPACT? What do you hope to gain from this experience? *

12. What does it mean to you to be engaged with your community? *

13. How have you been engaged with your community (service, volunteerism, advocacy, etc.)? (Note: While considered in the selection process, significant service/community engagement experience is not a requirement to participate in HC IMPACT. Program participants have varying histories of engagement each year, contributing to the overall experience during the week.) *

14. What experiences will you draw upon to help you engage and reflect on HC IMPACT's theme of inequity? If you don't have a background in this area, what motivates you to want to work on issues of inequity and inequality? *

15. When working within a group or a team, what is your typical role/approach? Share an example. *

16. How do the program themes of service and equity align with your long-term personal and professional goals? *

17. What are you most anxious about as you start your first year at MSU? What are you most excited about? (Note: This information will not be used to evaluate your application, but rather inform programming for this year's event.)

18. Do you have any questions about MSU, the Honors College, or your first-year experience in general? (Note: This information will not be used to evaluate your application, but rather inform programming for this year's event.)