

2025 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 (Saturday, August 16 to Wednesday, August 20), is open to 50 incoming Honors College members and 10 incoming Academic Scholars Program members who will be introduced to a variety of different focus areas related to social inequity and 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 Academic Scholars and Honors College students, faculty, and staff while positively impacting MSU and neighboring communities.

Accompanying Courses

The program will extend into the academic year with connection to an Honors first-year seminar course (UGS 201H) and potentially a linked Honors Writing course (WRA 291H).

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 addressing social inequity in the city of Lansing.

For HC members, the English class may serve as an [Arts & Humanities \(IAH\) substitution](#) or a Tier I Writing course, depending on what is needed. For ASP members, UGS 201H and WRA 291H are eligible to serve toward the first-year experience requirement and the 2 Honors experiences [required by the end of the academic year](#).

While enrollment in both courses is strongly encouraged, participants will work with an ASP/HC academic advisor during New Student Orientation to determine if WRA 291H is needed based upon AP/IB/dual-enrollment credits.

Costs

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.

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.

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 and 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).

The week before the program, participants will be provided the list of our 2025 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:

February 28: Applications open

May 11: 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.

While submissions are not evaluated for length, short-answer responses are the only tool we have to evaluate applicants. The more we know about your experiences and interest in the program, the better equipped we are to select our group of participants.

2. First name: *

3. Last name: *

4. MSU email address: *

5. Cell phone number: *

Your phone number will only be used for HC IMPACT-related communication if we are unable to reach you via email.

6. Major(s): *

7. Minor(s):

8. Are you a member of the Academic Scholars Program or the Honors College?

The Academic Scholars Program is a separate program housed within the Honors College and only open to 200 students each year. Visit this link for more information: <https://honorscollege.msu.edu/programs/academic-scholars-program.html>

- Academic Scholars Program
- Honors College
- I'm still not sure after reviewing the link under the description.

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

- ADS resource fair
- ASP/HC Admissions webinar
- Current MSU student
- Direct email
- Honors College website

- MSU staff or faculty member
- Postcard
- Word of mouth
- Other:

10. 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. *

- Education issues
- Environmental issues
- Global/international issues
- Health/food justice issues
- Political participation/advocacy
- Racial justice issues
- Socioeconomic issues
- Other:

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 Academic Scholars Program, or your first-year experience in general?

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