



**MERTIE W. BUCKMAN FELLOWSHIP FOR LEADERSHIP IN PHILANTHROPY  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Buckman Fellowship for Leadership in Philanthropy is a unique opportunity for faculty, staff, graduate students, and alumni to learn about the world of philanthropy and fundraising. The Buckman Fellowship is available to faculty, staff, graduate students, and alumni of the four academic units of Design, Housing and Apparel; Family Social Science; Food Science and Nutrition; and the School of Social Work. Buckman Fellows are chosen to participate in a ten-month series of seminars with university and community experts on philanthropy and fundraising. As a part of their application they identify a specific philanthropic project and are awarded a \$1,000 stipend to be used to develop their leadership skills and implement their chosen project.

**CORE VALUES**

Buckman fellows reflect the core values of human ecology in their philanthropic projects, and are committed to these values:

- A belief in the interconnectedness of people and their environments
- A commitment to diversity and inclusivity in its many forms
- An understanding that development occurs throughout the lifespan
- An awareness of the impact of social responsibility and sustainability in implementing their projects

The fellowship is made possible by the Mertie W. Buckman Endowed Fund for Leadership in Philanthropy, established in 2002. Mrs. Buckman, a dedicated philanthropist and faculty member in the former College of Human Ecology, focused her life and work on philanthropy and education, echoing the core values outlined above. Her generous gift provides opportunities for fellows to become experts and leaders in philanthropy.

**FELLOW SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Buckman fellows are faculty and staff, emerging professional alumni leaders, and graduate students who are interested in developing their leadership skills related to philanthropy, entrepreneurship, and business citizenship.
- Buckman fellows are expected to have a proposed philanthropic project when they apply that should reflect the mission and values of the Buckman program.
- The fellowship program is experiential in that what is learned through the monthly forums and outside educational opportunities is applied directly to their current project.

### **FELLOWS ARE EXPECTED TO:**

- Attend scheduled monthly Buckman seminars from September through May.
- Participate in at least three activities related to philanthropy and leadership, at the University or in the community.
- Develop a project plan, engage in the process and implementation of their project
- Contribute to a collegial atmosphere, engaging in helpful exchange with colleagues in the program.
- Present a mid-year progress report on their professional development and status of their project
- Provide a final report in June 2008, as well as a presentation at graduation ceremonies

### **SELECTION PROCESS/DEADLINES**

- Applications are available on the Buckman website or by contacting Marilyn DeLong at 612-625-1219 or [mdelong@umn.edu](mailto:mdelong@umn.edu)
- The deadline to submit applications for the program year is **April 1, by 4:30 p.m.** Applications can be emailed to [mdelong@umn.edu](mailto:mdelong@umn.edu) or mailed to:

Buckman Fellowship Program  
32 McNeal Hall  
1985 Buford Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55108

- The Buckman Advisory Board will evaluate applicants based on the criteria listed above and select up to 10 fellows for the program.
- All applicants will be respectfully notified in writing of the Advisory Board's decisions.
- New Buckman Fellows will be invited to the previous cohorts' end of year celebration in June.

For more information about the program, go to:  
**<http://www.cdes.umn.edu/outreach/buckman.html>**



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**APPLICATION**

Please check: Faculty  Staff  Department & Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni  Graduate student  Major & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department or Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach responses on a separate page.

1. Please describe why you are interested in becoming a Buckman Fellow (i.e., leadership in philanthropy, understanding more about fundraising, etc.)
2. Please describe your proposed project.
3. Buckman fellows are committed to the Buckman core values. How does your proposed project reflect these values?
4. Please include a brief current resume or vitae (2-3 pages) with this application.
5. Please provide the name, telephone, and e-mail address of 1-2 persons we can contact about your interest in the Buckman Fellowship.

To submit this application on-line, click the submit button at the bottom of the screen. If you are attaching this application to an email, please send it to [mdelong@umn.edu](mailto:mdelong@umn.edu) or mail it to Buckman Fellowship Program, McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

**Remember to submit a completed application and include a resume or vitae. The deadline to submit applications is April 1 by 4:30 p.m.**