



## **Jewish Communal Leadership Program**

The Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP), offered by the University of Michigan School of Social Work in partnership with the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, presents a distinctive educational opportunity for students committed to helping Jewish communities meet 21st-century challenges while also addressing broader social concerns. Graduates receive an MSW and a Certificate in Jewish Communal Leadership.

Students combine study of community systems, theories of social change, and Jewish history and community, with training and experience in community organizing, non-profit management, dialogue facilitation, and coalition building within and across groups.

Approximately six incoming students will be selected to participate in the program each year. Recent graduates are filling roles within Jewish federations, community centers, social service agencies, synagogues, and foundations; Jewish and nondenominational social justice nonprofits; healthcare organizations and the public school system. They are employed in areas that include program development, management and coordination; youth and clinical work; resource development; and community relations.

### **Program Funding**

- Nonresident students: \$47,000 award.
- Resident students: \$23,500 award.
- Additional merit- and need-based funding may also be available.

### **JCLP Course Options Include**

- Four-term Integrative Leadership Seminar
- Contemporary Cultures in the United States
- Planning for Organizational and Community Change
- Training in Intergroup Dialogue Facilitation
- Introduction to Jewish Civilizations and Culture
- Sociology of the American Jewish Community
- Modern Jewish Thought
- American Jews and Social Justice
- The Arab-Jewish Conflict in the Middle East

### **Special Fieldwork Placements**

JCLP students have supervised fieldwork opportunities in local, national, and international (via the University of Haifa) agencies, and may serve as nonvoting board members at a range of Jewish communal, service, and educational agencies in Michigan and Ohio.

### **Program Requirements**

- The JCLP is a demanding five-semester (twenty month) program, which combines MSW requirements, 15 credits of Judaic Studies, a four-semester proseminar, and involvement in community programming.
- JCLP participants can select from varied practice method concentrations and practice areas. Incoming students should choose other practice methods and areas in consultation with the Director. Students have the option of pursuing practice method minors. Students also complete a Certificate in Jewish Communal Leadership.

- JCLP field placements are two days a week during the first Winter and second Fall term, and four to five days a week during the Spring/Summer term. One-half of field placement credits must be with an agency within the Jewish community.
- JCLP participants may serve on the governing board of a Jewish nonprofit organization as a participant in the University of Michigan Nonprofit and Public Management Center's Board Fellowship Program.

### **Application**

If you would like to apply for JCLP, then please answer "yes" to the question, "Do you plan to apply to an SSW Special Program?" found on the Financial Assistance page of the MSW online application and then select the Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) checkbox. The JCLP application pages will be added to the end of your online MSW application.

Call 734-936-0961 if you are unable to submit the application via the online MSW application system.

### **Jewish Communal Leadership Program application deadlines:**

- **December 1, 2014 (early application)**
- **February 1, 2015 (priority)**
- **March 1, 2015**

**Applicants from all dates will be considered, with priority given to those that meet the December 1 and February 1 deadlines.** Applications received after these deadlines will be considered on a rolling basis until the program is filled.

**Your JCLP application will not be considered until your MSW application is complete, with all required supporting documents received.**

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact:

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