

Applicant Webinar

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Agenda For Today's Webinar

- **HPRS Program Overview and Goals : Building a Culture of Health**
- **The HPRS program**
 - Program structure, activities, and support
 - Who is eligible to apply
- **The HPRS Application**
 - Preparing and submitting a complete application
 - Application process timeline
- **Your questions**
- **Continue the conversation with us on Twitter using #HPRSOfficeHours**

A National Movement: Building a Culture of Health

- Creates a society where every person has an equal opportunity to live the healthiest life they can—whatever their ethnic, geographic, racial, socioeconomic, or physical circumstance.
- Embraces a more integrated, comprehensive approach to health.
- Encompasses both health care and the many other critical factors that impact people's health: early childhood development, education, housing, jobs, and the built environment.
- Requires unprecedented collaboration with everyone playing a role—parents, co-workers, neighbors, civic leaders, policymakers, and industry.

Being in HPRS means learning from and collaborating with a passionate group of emerging scholars representing a diverse range of fields. Collectively we are committed to advancing health equity and building a Culture of Health.

- *Valerie Taing, PhD student in Social Work and Sociology, University of Michigan*



Leadership Programs



www.rwjf.org/changeleaders

HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Health Policy Research Scholars



HPRS by the Numbers...

4

Year Program

Up to
60

Scholars Selected

2nd & 3rd

Year Students

\$30,000

Annual Stipend

\$10,000

Dissertation
Grants

Seeking Leaders Who...

- Are committed to conducting research that is aligned with the needs of communities, has **health equity** at its center, and is actionable.
- Are interested in **translating** their research into evidence-informed health policy.
- Are interested and willing to use **interdisciplinary approaches**.
- Want to use research and **leadership skills** to become an change agent for more equitable and **actionable research** that will inform **policy change in the U.S.**

Applicants must be:

- Doctoral students in research-focused programs, entering their 2nd or 3rd year of study in fall 2020.
- From an underrepresented population and/or marginalized background.
- Enrolled full time in U.S. institution.
- Anticipate doctoral program completion no earlier than spring/summer 2023.
- Interested in health policy and interdisciplinary approaches to build a Culture of Health.

*Manka Nkimbeng, PhD in Nursing,
Johns Hopkins University*



How is underrepresented defined?

- Race/ethnicity
- Socioeconomic status
- Ability status
- First generation college graduate
- Marginalized background (e.g., LGBTQ+)
- Underrepresented in field/discipline

Who Are Our Scholars?



Preparing Doctoral Scholars as Leaders

The HPRS Program has several key components, including:

- A comprehensive **Curriculum** that includes courses in health policy, health equity, population health
- Opportunities to network and learn face-to-face, through the **Summer Institute** and **Other In-Person Meetings**
- Robust **Leadership Training**
- A **Mentorship Program** that creates a team of mentors to support Scholars in the program
- Competitive **Dissertation Support**, writing workshops, and other resources
- **Collaboration with Leaders** from various fields

Virtual Experiences

Online Courses

- During the fall and spring semesters
- Combination of recordings and live sessions

Online Portal

- Communicate with Scholars, staff, and mentors



*Katherine Gutierrez, PhD
student in Economics, New
Mexico University*

In-Person Experiences

Fall Institute

- All first-year Scholars attend

RWJF Leadership Institute

- Cross-program meeting for all four leadership programs

Summer Institute

- All Scholars attend for workshops, case experience, graduation

Writing Retreats

- Open to all scholars

Virtual Experiences

The Online Courses are:

- Held 1-2 evenings per month and are typically 75-90 minutes
- Led by experts in the field
- A combination of lecture and discussion-style
- Intended to enrich and build on Scholars' existing coursework in their fields



Making a Culture of Health a shared value can only be done when all stakeholders and citizens have the same access to the same tools and data to shape their individual lives and policy as those in leadership positions. Giving everyday folks accessible tools to activate their leadership is why I am a part of the Health Policy Research Scholars program.

- *Jovan Julian, PhD Student in Operations Research, Georgia Institute of Technology*

In-Person Experiences

While the one – week **Summer Institute** is the most in-depth in-person learning experience, there are several meetings during the program.

- **Fall Institute** – for First-Year Scholars
- **RWJF Leadership Institute** – For all Scholars and for Leaders in the three related Leadership programs
- Various Conferences – meetings and special events are often scheduled to coincide with health policy-related conferences (these meetings are typically optional)
- Writing Retreats

Dissertation Support

- Scholars entering their dissertation phase are eligible to apply for a competitive dissertation grant of up to \$10,000.
- Scholars who apply must have passed their proposal defense and have a dissertation that is related to building a Culture of Health.
- Grants may be used to support data acquisition and analysis, travel costs, and other research support.

Additional Supports

Opportunities to apply for:

- Conference Travel Award
- Biostatistical Consulting Award
- Research Dissemination Award

Interested in Applying?

- Review the Tip Sheet and Applicant Check List
- Note Important Dates and Times on the Timeline
- Check out the Helpful Resources at

[Rwjf.org/cfp/hprs4](https://rwjf.org/cfp/hprs4)



Application Deadline

March 11, 2020, 3:00 p.m. ET

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

Key Materials

[Preview the full application before applying →](#)

[Full Funding Opportunity \(PDF\) →](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Calls for Applications →](#)

[Health Policy Research Scholars Frequently Asked Questions →](#)

[Tips for a Smooth Online Application Process →](#)

*Mario Alberto Viveros Espinoza, PhD Student,
Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara*

Applicant Check List

- Start an application (www.rwjf.org/cfp/hprs4)
- Complete your eligibility, contact, and demographic information
- Reach out to your advisor(s) or a faculty member(s) to serve as your Home Institution Mentor
- Share important dates and application information with your mentor
- Reach out to a second person for a letter of reference
- Update your CV
- Request copies of your graduate transcripts
- Begin your applicant essays
- Mark your calendar – Applications are Due on **March 11 at 3 pm ET**

2020 Timeline

DATE	EVENT
March 11 (3 pm ET)	Applications Due
March 12–April 17	Applications Reviewed
Late April	Semifinalists Notified
Late April–Late May	Semifinalist Applicant Interviews
Mid-June	Finalists Notified
July 9	Deadline for Finalist Supplemental Materials
September 1	Program Begins
October 9-11	Fall Institute (Required in-person meeting for Scholars in Baltimore, MD)
TBD, likely spring 2021	RWJF Leadership Institute (Required in-person meeting for Scholars)

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