

HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program



Health Policy Research Scholars

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Leadership for Better Health



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 happens to be
- 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
- Includes four new programs and five continuing programs
- Seeks leaders frustrated with status quo and eager to take leadership to next level

Clinical Scholars

WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 clinically active health care providers with highest degree in field• Interprofessional teams of three to five members from different fields/specialties (physicians, nurses, pharmacists, osteopaths, physical therapists, etc.)
WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates a diverse community of clinicians improving health inside and outside their practice.
SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$35,000 annual fellowship (\$105,000 over 3 years)
COMMITMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 years
PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Program Lead)• AcademyHealth• Community Campus Partnerships for Health• University of Nebraska Medical Center

Culture of Health Leaders

WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 50 participants selected each year• Participants in education; transportation; technology; public health; government; business; health care; economic development; urban planning; more
WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross-discipline, collaborative solutions to health inequities• Particular emphasis on framing issues effectively to influence local and national narratives
SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$20,000 annual stipend (\$60,000 over three years) + financial support for project
COMMITMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 years
PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The National Collaborative for Health Equity (Co-Lead)• CommonHealth ACTION (Co-Lead)

Interdisciplinary Research Leaders

WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 three-person research teams (two researchers from different disciplines + a community member or organization)
WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied, community-driven research
SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each team receives annual stipends of \$25,000 per person, per year and research project grants up to \$125,000 per team
COMMITMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 years
PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Minnesota (Program Lead)• Allina Health (Co-Program Lead)• AcademyHealth• ISAIAH• Local Initiatives Support Corporation• Minnesota Department of Health

Health Policy Research Scholars



Preparing Doctoral Scholars as Leaders

- Five-year program
- First- or second-year doctoral students, research focused
- Building equity by investing in scholars from underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds (race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ability, or similar factors)
- Program elements:
 - Curriculum: health policy, health equity, population health
 - Leadership training
 - Interdisciplinary collaboration with leaders from various fields
 - Dissertation support and mentorship
 - Collaboration with participants in all four programs and RWJF

Dedicated Cohort, Robust Support

- Up to 50 participants each year
- Scholars from diverse disciplines that can advance a Culture of Health
- Enrolled full time in U.S. institution
 - Complete program from home institution—no relocation
- Support
 - \$30,000 annual stipend up to four years
 - Competitive dissertation grant up to \$10,000

Program Outline

- Fall 2017 – Online Seminar
- Fall 2017 – Fall Institute (**Required In-Person Meeting**)
- Winter 2018 – Winter Institute (**Required In-Person Meeting**)
- Spring 2018 – Online Seminar
- Summer 2018 – Policy Communication Training (**Required In-Person Meeting**)
- Fall 2018 – Online Seminar
- Spring 2019 – Online Seminar
- Summer 2019 – Policy Research Training at partner sites (**Required In-Person Meeting**)

Program Outline

- Fall 2019 – Online Seminar
- Spring 2020 – Online Seminar
- Summer 2020 –Washington, DC w/ AcademyHealth and George Washington University (**Required In-Person Meeting**)
- Fall 2020 – Online Seminar
- Spring 2021 – Online Seminar
- Summer 2021 – Writing Retreat (In-Person Meeting)
- Fifth Year – Dissertation Grant, Dissertation Support Group

Seeking Leaders Who...

- Are interested in applying their own discipline-based research to affect health policy
- Prioritize health equity, diversity and inclusion
- Work collaboratively across sectors
- Embrace lifelong learning, complexity, risk-taking
- Are ready to take their leadership and influence to the next level

2017 Timeline

DATE	EVENT
January 4	Call for applications opens
February 16 (12–1 p.m. ET)	Webinar for prospective applicants to learn more
March 29 (3PM ET)	Applications due
March 29–May 10	Applications reviewed
May 15–June 2	Applicant interviews
June 5–June 9	Selection meetings
mid-June	Finalists selected
September 1	Program begins
Fall 2016	Required in-person program launch (Oct 13-17, Nashville, TN)

Application Process

Health Policy Research Scholars

2017 Call for Applications

Release Date: January 4, 2017

Purpose

The goal of *Health Policy Research Scholars* is to create a large cadre of diverse doctoral students from a wide variety of research-focused disciplines—students whose research, connections, and leadership will inform and influence policy toward a Culture of Health. Specifically, we aim to recruit doctoral students from a variety of field/disciplines (e.g., urban planning, political science, economics, ethnography, education, social work, sociology) who are training to be researchers. For the 2017 cohort, the *Health Policy Research Scholars* program will enroll up to 50 scholars interested in learning to translate their research into health policy and who are from underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. Examples of eligible individuals include, but are not limited to, first-generation college graduates, individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in doctoral programs, and individuals with disabilities. Scholars in this program—which is designed to enhance and enrich the doctoral program—will complete the *Health Policy Research Scholars* program concurrently with their doctoral program.

DEADLINE:

March 29, 2017, 3:00 p.m. ET

[Apply Online](#)



[Preview a sample application before submitting →](#)

KEY MATERIALS

Please review all before applying:

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

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

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Eligibility *

* Indicates required

The Health Policy Research Scholars program is open to full-time students who are from underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds whose racial, socio-economic, ability status and personal factors allow them to bring unique and diverse perspectives to their research. Applicants must be entering the first or second year of their doctoral program (by September 2017) and be from any research-focused discipline. Students must be interested in learning to apply health policy research. Prior experience or knowledge in health policy is not required or expected. Rather, the program is designed for doctoral students from a variety of disciplines (e.g., urban planning, political science, economics, ethnography, education, social work, etc.).

Examples of eligible individuals include, but are not limited to, first-generation college graduates, individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in doctoral programs, and individuals with disabilities.

1. Please specify how your background is underrepresented in doctoral programs and/or disadvantaged. *

Select all that apply.

- Racial or ethnic background
- Educational background
- Financial background
- Other (please specify)

2. Will you be first- or second-year full-time doctoral student in September of 2017? *

Yes No

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") status by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the time of application.

3. Do you fit the eligibility criteria described above? *

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Applicant & Mentor Key Contact Information *

* Indicates required

- Enter the contact information requested for the applicant, mentor, co-mentor (if applicable) and the applicant's home contact information. Please complete all required contacts.
- To save your partially completed page, scroll to the bottom of this page and select "Save, continue editing" or "Save, return home."
- Use the "Copy feature" to copy completed institutional and address information to a new contact. Choose a role from the drop-down menu and then select the "Copy" button.

You may use the "Select contact information" link below to facilitate the entry of data required below. If the information already exists in the GuideStar Exchange or from prior activity with RWJF, the fields below will be prepopulated with the required data. If that occurs, please be sure to proofread the information to ensure that it is accurate and current. Feel free to edit as needed. [Use this link](#) to learn more about this feature. If, instead, you prefer to manually enter all the required information below, you may do so.

Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Applicant *

This is the student who will be the Health Policy Research Scholar. This student will be the primary recipient of all key Foundation correspondence: copy of award notice, post-award financial and monitoring, and grant closure. Additionally, after the application is submitted, this student will be asked to provide feedback to an independent survey firm on the application process and applicant characteristics in a brief online survey. RWJF will share this student's contact information, including email address, with the survey firm for the sole purpose of soliciting feedback. Note: "Applicant's Home Institution" is the doctoral-degree-conferring institution. Type the doctoral degree you are planning to receive in the "Degree" box below

College/University Email *

Confirm College/University Email *

Prefix

First Name *

Home Institution Mentor *

Enter the name and contact information of the home institution mentor below. This is a required entry. The HPRS home institution mentor will be responsible for the Health Policy Research Scholar academic support and career guidance at the scholar's home institution.

Email *

Confirm Email *

First Name *

Middle Name or Initial

Last Name *

Degree(s)

Institution *

Position *

Department

Address *

Address (line 2)

City *

Country

State / Territory *

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Letters of Reference (LOR) *

* Indicates required

A total of two letters of reference (LOR) from faculty members from your graduate or undergraduate institution are required. Please note: We **strongly recommend** that one of your letters of reference be from your home institution mentor or his or her designee.

Notes:

- **No** letters of reference will be accepted from current or former members of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation staff, the RWJF Board of Trustees, staff members from the program center at Johns Hopkins and George Washington Universities, national advisory committee members, application reviewers, or other RWJF national leadership program centers.
- The CC feature is intended for the reference writer's assistant or colleague. It is not intended for the applicants to CC themselves.

When you use the "Invite" link below, the reference writer will automatically receive an email message with login information and instructions for submitting letters of reference electronically. Once the reference writer logs in, he/she will have access to complete instructions for providing LOR materials.

Applicants are urged to actively track the status of the submission of required reference materials.

- If a reference is no longer able to fulfill his or her obligation within the stated timeframe, you may "Un-Invite" that reference and "Invite" another.
- Use the "Re-Invite" link to resend the email invitation with login instructions to a reference writer.
- Please return to this section to monitor that references are submitted by **March 29, 2017**, to enable your submission of the completed package well before the application deadline.
- You will not be able to submit your application without both letters.



Invite up to 2 people, 2 are required.

Reference For	Reference	CC Email Address	Date Invited	Status
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2. What is your primary doctoral field of study? *

Anthropology

Psychology

Demography/population studies

Public Health

Economics

Sociology

Education

Transportation engineering/design

History

Urban planning/Studies

Political Science

Other (please specify)



3. Specify area of emphasis, certification, or specialization, if applicable. *

If not applicable, enter "n/a"

16. If you selected racial or ethnic background for question one in the Eligibility section, please select the best description of your race and/or ethnicity. *

Select all that apply or select "Not Applicable."

- African American/Black (specify below)
- American Indian or Alaskan Native (specify tribal affiliation below)
- Asian (specify country or family origin below)
- Hispanic or Latino(a) (specify country below)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (specify below)
- Not Applicable
- Other (please specify)

If you selected educational background for question one in the Eligibility section, please specify your disadvantaged educational background. *

Select all that apply or select "Not Applicable."

- First-generation college graduate
- English is a second language (specify primary language below)
- Learning or other disability (specify below)
- Not Applicable
- Other (please specify)

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Applicant Essays *

* Indicates required

To Begin

Download the template shown below. Follow the instructions included on the template. Upload the completed template by selecting the "Upload document" button in the Uploaded Documents column.

To Upload

To maintain the original formatting, **you must convert your document in the PDF format prior to uploading**. For additional information, refer to the "Troubleshooting Tips" link to the left.

When you have completed this page, select the "Save, section finished" button at the bottom of the page. Once all sections of your application are complete, you may "Submit" from the Home Page. All uploaded documents may be updated and replaced until you submit your application.







Description	Templates	Uploaded Documents
Applicant Essays * <i>Maximum of two pages.</i>	Applicant Essays	

Health Policy Research Scholars Program Applicant Essays





Instructions for using this template

This template is to be used to provide your responses to essays.

You should:

-  **Print or save this template in its entirety before you begin**, so you have the instructions available at all times.
-  Complete the **Identifying Information** shown below this block of instructions.
-  **Leave the essay numbers** listed below and use them as an organizational tool. However, **delete the instructions in blue under each number**.
-  Delete this block of instructions before uploading your application narrative.
-  **Save your final essays as a PDF file.** Refer to the online Applicant Guide, “Upload a Document” section (see link on left navigation bar) for more information on uploading your PDF file. Refer to the Troubleshooting Tips (see link on left navigation bar) for additional information on converting your document to a PDF file.
-  Upload the PDF file to the “Applicant Essay” section of the online system.

NOTES:

-  Your entire essay, including essay numbers, should be **no more than two pages** with single spacing and one-inch margins on the top, bottom and sides of the page.
-  Do not adjust the font/size of this template.
-  You will not be able to upload a file that is longer than two pages.
-  No hardcopy materials that are mailed or emailed to RWJF will be accepted.

Remember to delete this block of instructions—and the guidelines shown in blue under each essay number—before uploading this template.

Identifying Information

Application I.D.: (your application ID goes here—found in the upper right corner of any screen in this online system)

Applicant Name: (your name goes here)

Applicant Home Institution: (legal name of applicant home institution goes here)

Essay #1

Discuss an example of how you overcame a challenge or adversity. *(Maximum of 250 words)*

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Transcripts *

* Indicates required

To maintain the original formatting, if necessary, **you must convert your document(s) to a PDF file prior to uploading.** For additional information, refer to Troubleshooting Tips.

Description	Templates	Uploaded Documents
<p>Transcripts *</p> <p>Please use this area to provide copies of your unofficial transcripts. Ensure the transcript includes your name.</p> <p>Upload copies of your transcripts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate • Graduate <p>You may upload up to 10 transcripts. If you have more than 10 transcripts, you may combine two or more and upload as one document.</p> <p>AN OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE TRANSCRIPT WILL BE REQUIRED UPON ACCEPTANCE.</p> <p><i>Note: Do not upload secured or password-protected PDFs. If you have a protected document from an institution and you are unable to remove the security, please print the document, scan it and save it to a new, unprotected PDF before uploading.</i></p>		

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Home Institution Mentor CV(s) *

* Indicates required

Ask that your home institution mentor (and co-mentor if applicable) to provide you with their Curriculum Vitae (revised 2015 NIH format preferred.) Upload the CV(s) as part of your application.

To maintain the original formatting, **you must convert your document(s) to a PDF file prior to uploading.** For additional information, refer to Troubleshooting Tips.

Description	Templates	Uploaded Documents
Home Institution Mentor Biosketch/CV * We prefer a 2015 formatted National Institutes of Health biosketch; however, the Home Institution Mentor may format his or her CV in any way as long as it includes publications most relevant to this application, as well as current and past grant support. If you have more than one mentor, you must upload a CV for each mentor. <i>Maximum of two 15-page CVs.</i>		

Application Preparation

- ****Review Sample Application****
<https://anr.rwjf.org/applicationPrintView.do?phaseId=2698>
- Demographic Information
 - Home Institution – doctoral degree conferring institution
- Home Institution Mentor
 - Contact Information
 - Upload Mentor's CV **PDF Format**
- Letters of Reference

Application Preparation

- Three 250-word essays **PDF Format**
- Applicant CV – 4 pages **PDF Format**
- Unofficial Transcripts **PDF Format**
 - Be sure to remove password or encryption from transcripts

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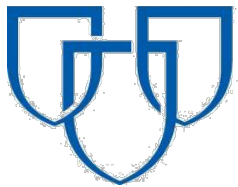


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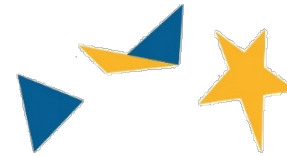
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