

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



Health Policy Research Scholars



Seeking Leaders Who Are...

- **Caring**, recognizing that leadership is relational, and that genuine care for others is at the heart of good leadership.
- **Curious**, with a genuine desire to connect, listen, learn, and grow
- **Collaborative**, with a deep understanding that the changes we seek cannot be accomplished by any one person, organization, or sector, and that working together with other change-makers across boundaries is essential.
- **Committed** to taking risks and acting boldly to move beyond dreams toward real pathways to change – and to achieving greater equity in communities across our country.

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 a change agent for more equitable and **actionable research** that will inform **policy change in the U.S.**

What does HPRS mean by Leadership?

- HPRS prepares scholars to lead through their disciplines from a framework of health equity, individually and collaboratively, and in alignment with their unique strengths and values.
- **Partnerships:** Developed and sustained while authentically engaging through different and shared values.
- **Process of change:** Dynamic, transformative, relational, and aimed at repairing damage from historical and structural injustices and oppression
- **Collaboration:** Active, ongoing, and rooted in shared power to design and implement equitable policies
- **Power:** Is not relegated to a title, role, or position, but distributed among groups of people while transcending social boundaries
- **Tasks:** Are both individual and collaborative, span private and public sectors, and require a willingness to challenge pervasive and systemic issues to co-design new solutions

HPRS by the Numbers...

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Year Program

Up to
40

Scholars Selected

2nd

Year Students

\$30,000

Annual Award

\$10,000

Dissertation
Grants

Applicants must be:

- Doctoral students in research-focused programs, entering their 2nd year of doctoral study in fall 2022.
- From an underrepresented population and/or historically marginalized background.
- Enrolled full time in a U.S. institution.
- Anticipate doctoral program completion no earlier than spring/summer 2025.
- Interested in health policy and interdisciplinary approaches to build a Culture of Health.

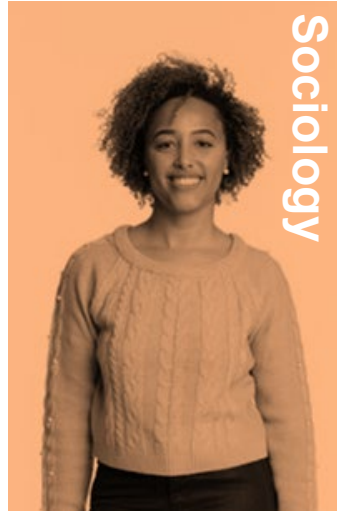
*Ashley Gripper, PhD student in
Environmental Health, Harvard University*



How is underrepresented defined?

- Race/ethnicity
- Socioeconomic status
- Ability status
- First generation college graduate
- Underrepresented in field/discipline
- Other historically marginalized background (explain in application)

Who Are The 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*



(typically) In-Person Experiences

Fall Institute, October 6-9

- 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 lectures and small group discussions
- 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

(Typically) 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, October 6-9** – for First-Year Scholars
- **RWJF Leadership Institute** – For all Scholars and for Leaders in the three related Leadership programs
- **Summer Institute, July 16-22, 2023** – in July each year
- 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

HPRS Alumni (#HPRSAlum)

HPRS Alumni
Total: 78

Finishing Doctoral
Program
33



Academic
Roles
35

Non-Academic,
Non-Government Roles
5

Government
Roles
5

Ready to apply?

- Consider Your Goals and How HPRS Will Help You Achieve Them
- Review the Tip Sheet and Applicant Check List
- Note Important Dates and Times on the Timeline

- Helpful Resources at Rwjf.org/cfp/hprs6



*Daniel Do, PhD student in Social Work,
Boston University*

Application Deadline

March 16, 2022, 3:00 p.m. ET

APPLY ONLINE

Key Materials

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

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

[Frequently Asked Questions →](#)

[Program-Specific FAQs →](#)

Applicant Check List

- ☐ Start an application (www.rwjf.org/cfp/hprs6)
- ☐ Complete your eligibility, contact, and demographic information.
- ☐ Reach out to your advisor(s) or a faculty member to serve as your Home Institution Mentor. Share the Call for Applications with them.
- ☐ Reach out to a second person to provide a reference for you.
- ☐ Share important dates and application information with your mentor and second reference.
- ☐ Update your CV, request a copy of your mentor's CV.
- ☐ Request copies of your unofficial doctoral transcript.
- ☐ Begin your applicant essays.
- ☐ Mark your calendar – Applications are Due on **March 16 at 3 pm ET.**

2020 Timeline

DATE	EVENT
March 16 (3 pm ET)	Applications Due
March 17–April 19	Applications Reviewed
Early May	Semifinalists Notified
May	Semifinalist Applicant Interviews
Mid-June	Finalists Notified
July 13	Deadline for Finalist Supplemental Materials
September 1	Program Begins
October 6-9	Fall Institute (Required meeting for Scholars, will be in Baltimore, MD if it is safe to gather in-person)
TBD, likely spring 2022	RWJF Leadership Institute (Required meeting for Scholars)
July 16-22, 2023	Summer Institute (Required meeting for scholars, will be in Baltimore, MD if it is safe to gather in-person)

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