

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Clinical Scholars (CS) Program**
Version 12/18/2019**Q: Who is eligible to apply?**

A: Providers fully licensed to practice in September 2015 or earlier are eligible to apply to Clinical Scholar in the 2020-2023 cohort. The designation for what counts towards clinical training depends on the discipline. Generally, the designation begins upon completion of licensure that allows the individual to practice without supervision. Residency and provisional license status do not count towards the required 5 years of experience.

Q: Is there an age limit or maximum number of years experience?

A: For Clinical Scholars, there are no maximum age limits or number of years of clinical experience. Each team member must possess at least five years of clinical experience and be clinically active or training/supervising clinical providers or trainees. Current fellows have a range of 5 to 35 years of experience in their field of practice.

Q: What is the time commitment?

A: Clinical Scholars fellows are required to attend all onsite training institutes in their entirety (approximately 14 days per year) and participate in ongoing distance-based learning. In addition to the time they propose for project activities, fellows spend 2-3 hours per week participating in the distance learning. Distance learning includes webinars, leadership modules, assigned readings, and executive and team coaching calls. Visit our website for an overview of [program components](#) and [upcoming dates](#). <http://clinicalscholarsnli.org>

Q: What can the grant funds be used toward?

A: The amount of funds per project will depend on the number of practitioners who are part of those teams but can be distributed in a variety of ways by the grantee. Appropriate line items include personnel, non-personnel (supplies, travel, training, equipment), subcontracts, and indirect costs. RWJF encourages organizations to waive indirect costs. Organizations that include indirect costs must limit use of indirect costs to 12%. Travel costs associated with the mandatory Clinical Scholars trainings are covered by the program, do not include them in your project budget.

Q: Will the Clinical Scholars need an academic affiliation?

A: There is no expectation that team members practice in a setting associated with a university. Team members must be health care practitioners and can practice or train/supervise other practitioners in community, clinical, academic, tribal settings, or a combination of those settings. There is also no limit on the number of applications from the same organization.

Q: Are alumni of the previous Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) programs eligible for Clinical Scholars?

A. Yes, alumni of prior RWJF programs are eligible.

Q: I am considering applying, I have questions not answered on the website, can I discuss my questions and project ideas with someone?

A: Contact the Clinical Scholars program at clinical.scholars@unc.edu or 919-843-3304.

Q: The Call for Applications references RWJF's Policy on Open Access. Where can I find more information?

A: The policy and frequently asked questions on the policy can be found at <https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/our-policies/policy-for-open-access.html>.