

# APPLY YOUR DOCTORAL RESEARCH TO BUILD HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

## HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

"A Culture of Health is one whose leaders are representative of the populations affected by their work, and the Health Policy Research Scholars program makes important strides toward this reality."

—Arrianna Planey, PhD student, geography and geographic information science,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (PICTURED BELOW: MIDDLE ROW, FAR RIGHT)

For doctoral  
students from  
diverse disciplines

APPLICATIONS  
OPEN IN JANUARY

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## Lead the Way to a Culture of Health.

Health Policy Research Scholars is a national leadership development program for second-year, full-time doctoral students who want to develop leadership skills and connect their research to policy to build a Culture of Health, one in which everyone in America has a fair and just opportunity to achieve the best possible health and well-being. In the program, scholars:

- Develop skills to translate their research and drive policy change.
- Collaborate with other innovative thinkers from diverse disciplines to widen their perspective and approach.
- Receive an annual stipend, mentorship, and leadership training.

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program was created for students from historically underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds—students whose race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ability, or other factors allow them to bring unique and diverse perspectives to their research. In addition to gaining new leadership skills, scholars receive personal and professional support from expert mentors and peers in applying their research to advance equitable and inclusive policy and practice.

## APPLICATION CRITERIA

To drive important change across communities and the nation, the program seeks collaborative, innovative participants from fields as diverse as political science, economics, education, and more. Applicants must be:

- Full-time doctoral students who are entering the second year of their programs.
- From historically marginalized backgrounds and/or populations underrepresented in specific doctoral disciplines.
- Pursuing a research-focused discipline that can advance a Culture of Health.
- Interested in health policy and interdisciplinary approaches.

Scholars will continue in the program for up to four years. They do not need to relocate, and can learn and work from their home institutions.

## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Over the course of the program, participants will:

- Participate in policy and leadership development trainings and coursework via webinars and other virtual learning technology.
- Establish and strengthen professional ties to public health and policy leaders.
- Receive top-notch mentoring and join a national network of innovators from diverse fields.
- Receive an annual stipend of up to \$30,000 for up to four years or until completion of their doctoral program (whichever is sooner).
- Be eligible for a competitive dissertation grant up to \$10,000.

## RESULTS: ENHANCED SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

Upon completion, scholars will be equipped to:

- Apply and translate research to shape and advocate for systemic change.
- Frame issues and build policy solutions.
- Integrate equity, the Culture of Health framework, and other concepts into their research.
- Lead and collaborate across sectors, professions, and disciplines.

## HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

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## LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AT RWJF

Health Policy Research Scholars is just one of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's leadership programs for people who are interested in applying their expertise—no matter what they do—to help make our country healthier and more equitable. Some other programs are:

- **Clinical Scholars**, for health professionals in clinical, academic, or community settings
- **Culture of Health Leaders**, for individuals from every field, profession, and sector
- **Interdisciplinary Research Leaders**, for teams of researchers and community leaders

Information about these and additional leadership programs at:

[rwjf.org/leadershipforbetterhealth](http://rwjf.org/leadershipforbetterhealth)

## TIMELINE

Timeline subject to change. Check our website for updates.

