

# APPLY YOUR DOCTORAL RESEARCH TO BUILD HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

## HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

"I'm excited about bridging the gap between community, research, and policy, and bringing knowledge and skills back to my community."

—Mary Keovisai, PhD student, Social Welfare, University at Buffalo

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For doctoral students from all disciplines

APPLICATIONS OPEN IN JANUARY



## 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 in any discipline whose research, connections, and leadership will help build healthier and more equitable communities. To create real change, we seek scholars from all fields. This diverse approach helps build a Culture of Health, one that enables everyone in America to live longer, healthier lives.

- Develop policy skills to translate your research and lead policy change
- Collaborate with other innovative thinkers to create greater impact
- Receive an annual stipend and support to complete your dissertation

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Each year, Health Policy Research Scholars selects up to 50 scholars to advance their policy and leadership skills, expand their thinking through collaboration across disciplines, and gain additional mentors and support to complete their dissertations. This program was intentionally created for students from underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds—students whose ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ability, and other factors allow them to bring unique and diverse perspectives to their research.

## APPLICATION CRITERIA

To drive important change across communities and the nation, the program seeks collaborative, innovative participants from a wide range of fields. Applicants must be:

- Full-time doctoral students who are entering the second year of their programs
- From underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds
- 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 five years. They do not need to relocate and can work and learn from their home institutions.

## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Over the course of the program, participants will:

- Attend at least one annual gathering (travel funded by the program).
- Participate in policy and leadership development trainings, coursework, and mentoring via webinars and other virtual learning technology.
- Establish and strengthen professional ties to public health and policy leaders.
- Receive dissertation guidance and mentoring.
- Receive a stipend of up to \$30,000 annually for up to four years (they may continue in the program, without the annual stipend, during the fifth year or until completion of their doctoral program, whichever occurs first).
- Also be eligible for a competitive dissertation grant of up to \$10,000.

## RESULTS: ENHANCED SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

Upon completion, scholars will be equipped to:

- Apply research to shape and advocate for systemic policy change.
- Frame issues and build public support.
- Demonstrate a deep understanding of equity, Culture of Health, research, and other concepts.
- Lead and collaborate across sectors, professions, and disciplines.

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A National Leadership Program

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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:

[www.rwjf.org/changeleaders](http://www.rwjf.org/changeleaders)

## 2018 TIMELINE

Timeline subject to change. Check our website for updates.



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