

HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program



Be a Change Leader.
Build a Culture of Health.

APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 2017

Leadership development and funding opportunity for first- or second-year doctoral scholars, from populations underrepresented in graduate programs, pursuing any research-focused academic discipline and interested in health policy research.



Health Policy Research Scholars is an unprecedented initiative supporting full-time doctoral scholars who are entering the first or second year of their doctoral program (by fall semester) and are from populations underrepresented in graduate programs. Participants will complete their doctoral program concurrently and:

- Design and apply their health policy-related work in new ways to meet the pressing needs of communities.
- Collaborate with other scholars and professionals from diverse fields to create a healthier, more equitable future for all people.
- Develop profound leadership skills to advance a Culture of Health that will enable all to live longer, healthier lives now and for generations to come.

Health Policy Research Scholars is led by Johns Hopkins University, with participants completing their doctoral programs at their home institutions across the country. It is one of four national change leadership programs designed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to extend the influence and impact of leaders working to build a Culture of Health—one in which health is a guiding social value and everyone can attain the best health possible. Participants will become the next generations of leaders, collaborating across sectors to upend the status quo, address health disparities, and take bold steps to achieve greater equity in communities across the country.

“Supporting and mentoring pre-doctoral scholars from historically disadvantaged populations will create the next generation of informed scientists who will lead in the translation of research into the innovative thinking necessary to achieve health equity.”

—Harolyn M.E. Belcher, MD, MHS
Director, Center for Diversity in Public Health Leadership Training;
Associate Professor,
Johns Hopkins University

Visit www.healthpolicyresearch-scholars.org for more information.



Program Elements and Timeline

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Each year, *Health Policy Research Scholars* selects up to 50 first- or second-year doctoral scholars in a research-focused discipline that can advance a Culture of Health—for example, architecture, urban planning, transportation, health policy, education, social sciences, or others. To drive important change in every sector, this national program seeks participants from a wide range of health and nonhealth fields who are training to be researchers and are interested in health policy research. Participants will continue in the program for five years, culminating with their dissertation. Participants work and learn from their home institutions; they do not need to relocate and can continue with their doctoral studies/program full time.

Participants will:

- Attend at least one annual gathering (travel funded by the program).
- Participate in leadership development trainings, coursework and mentoring via webinar and other virtual learning technology.
- Establish and strengthen professional ties to public health and industry leaders.
- Receive dissertation support and mentoring.
- Receive an annual stipend of up to \$30,000 for up to four years. May continue in the program, without the annual stipend, during the fifth year or until completion of doctoral program, whichever occurs first. Participants are also eligible for a competitive dissertation grant of up to \$10,000.

Upon completion of the program, participants will have met all requirements of their doctoral program, be connected with a national group of leaders working in diverse sectors, and be equipped to apply advanced skills, including:

- Leadership and collaboration across sectors, professions, and disciplines
- Community engagement, including ability to develop research with the community
- Application of research to influence policy related to population health, health equity, and social determinants of health
- Issue-framing and public will-building
- Deep understanding of equity, Culture of Health, research, and other concepts
- Communication and advocacy

HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS: PROGRAM PARTNERS

AcademyHealth
George Washington University
Johns Hopkins University
Mayo Clinic
University of California—Los Angeles
University of Michigan

CHANGE LEADERSHIP AT RWJF

In addition to *Health Policy Research Scholars*, RWJF supports these other change leadership programs:

- *Interdisciplinary Research Leaders* (for teams of researchers and community leaders)
- *Culture of Health Leaders* (for community-based teams)
- *Clinical Scholars* (for practicing clinicians)

Each program combines leadership development, mentoring, and collaboration across programs and sectors to build a Culture of Health. Details and application information at www.rwjf.org/changeleaders.

2017 TIMELINE

