

# APPLY YOUR PhD 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 candidate, Social Welfare, University at Buffalo

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For doctoral students from underrepresented populations

Applications Open  
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## Lead the Way to a Culture of Health.

Health Policy Research Scholars is a national leadership development program for first- or second-year, full-time doctoral students 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 high-level skills to advance 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, curious participants from a wide range of fields. Applicants must be:

- Full-time doctoral students who are entering the first or second year of their program.
- 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 work and learn from their home institutions; they do not need to relocate and can continue with their doctoral studies/program full-time.

## 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 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. They may continue in the program, without the annual stipend, during the fifth year or until completion of their doctoral program, whichever occurs first. Participants are also eligible for a competitive dissertation grant of up to \$10,000.

## RESULTS: ENHANCED SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

Upon completion, participants will be equipped to apply advanced skills, including:

- Leadership and collaboration across sectors, professions and disciplines.
- Issue framing and building public support.
- Deep understanding of equity, Culture of Health, research and other concepts.
- Communication and advocacy that applies research to shape policy.

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A National Leadership Program

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## LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AT RWJF

*Health Policy Research Scholars* is one of four Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 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. Other programs include:

- *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 programs for professionals, state health leaders, faculty, students and others at:

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

## 2017 TIMELINE

Timeline subject to change. Check our website for updates.



To apply, visit us at: [www.healthpolicyresearch-scholars.org](http://www.healthpolicyresearch-scholars.org)

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