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—Andrew Anderson, PhD student, Health Services Administration, University of Maryland College Park

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—Manka Nkimbeng, PhD student, Nursing, Johns Hopkins University

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*—Bukola Bakare, PhD student, Transportation & Logistics, North Dakota State University*

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**"The possibility of bringing back public health and planning, along with other fields, in order to work together in policy change and equity amazes me."**

*—Angeliz Encarnacion Burgos, PhD student, Community & Regional Planning, University of Texas at Austin*

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*—Raven Hardy, PhD student, Neuroscience, Emory University*

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"[This is an] opportunity to network with like-minded people who get it, people who are driven and thoughtful, people who are working to make a difference."  
—Teresa Jackson, PhD student, Nutritional Sciences, Oklahoma State University

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"Through Health Policy Research Scholars, I am utilizing my research to equip everyday people with the same tools and knowledge as those in positions of power to shape their individual lives and affect policy."

—Jovan Julien, PhD student, Georgia Institute of Technology

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—Shannon Parsley, RN, BSN, Certified Emergency Nurse;  
PhD student, College of Nursing, University of Kentucky

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Each cohort in Health Policy Research Scholars includes up to 40 scholars\* who are selected 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.

## TIMELINE

Timeline subject to change. Check our website for updates.



\* In 2020, we will accept up to 60 rising second- and third-year doctoral students. We expect to enroll up to 40 rising second-year doctoral students each year after 2020.

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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)