Program Description

This collaborative program between the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) is designed to advance equity and develop a cadre of leaders who can drive implementation of effective strategies to raise awareness of diagnosis in medicine, support diagnostic excellence, and reduce diagnostic errors at the national level.

Up to 10* scholars participate in this one-year, part-time remote experience that begins in late June to enhance their knowledge and skills in diagnostic quality and safety, and to accelerate their career development in becoming national leaders in the field. Scholars also build upon the work of the 2015 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report, Improving Diagnosis in Health Care.

The program includes a structured online curriculum; cohort learning activities; professional networking opportunities through the NAM and CMSS; mentorship; a $35,000 grant; and an additional $5,000 domestic travel funds. For more information, visit dxexscholars.nam.edu.

*With additional support from the John A. Hartford Foundation, an 11th scholar with a focus on advancing equity and diagnostic excellence for older adults may be selected.

Eligibility

The program seeks exceptional individuals who:

- Have earned a doctoral degree* in a relevant discipline and completed all post-graduate training
- Have confirmation from academic department, health system, or equivalent that they have—and can dedicate—sufficient time to participate in the NAM Scholars’ program activities and complete their proposed program in the allotted time

*M.D., D.O., Ph.D., D.N.P., Dr.P.H., etc.

Selection Criteria

Scholars will be selected by an NAM-appointed advisory committee through a national competition on basis of:

- Record of relevant professional accomplishments and demonstrated leadership in the applicant’s field
- Potential to advance diagnostic excellence including diagnostic safety, quality, and equity, and make significant contributions at the national level to reduce diagnostic errors that lead to patient harm
- The quality and feasibility of the applicant’s program proposal
- A concise plan for evaluation, dissemination, and implementation of the applicant’s proposed program where applicable (e.g., institution, care setting, professional society) during the one-year program and beyond

Strong preference will be given to candidates whose proposed program objectives advance equity as well as specific recommendations of the report mentioned above, when applicable.

Applications are being accepted at fellowship.nam.edu.

Inquiries

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