The UCLA/VA Multicampus Primary Care and Health Services Research Fellowship Program provides primary and ambulatory care-oriented physicians, associated health professionals and social scientists with the necessary skills to become effective and creative leaders in shaping health care and health policy. Fellows complete the program with doctoral level training in the skills necessary to conduct high quality research and policy analysis, including training in clinical epidemiology, health services research, program evaluation, and biostatistics. Fellows also have access to advanced training in a wide variety of specific areas of interest such as medical informatics, geriatrics and women’s health.

All fellows complete a core curriculum including:

- Formal course work, usually leading to a degree, at the UCLA School of Public Health.
- Informal course work in fellowship seminars.
- Completion of an independent research project.

Each fellow chooses a social scientist and a clinician to serve as individual mentors for designing and completing a research project. Mentors include well-known investigators from any of the four affiliated program locations, including the UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health and the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (including campuses at West Los Angeles and Sepulveda) and the RAND Health Program. Fellows experience the kind of collaborative, interdisciplinary research environment most likely to foster successful health services research. Opportunities are available to study almost any aspect of health services or health policy, including access to care, quality of care, clinical epidemiology, disparities, preventive care, palliative care, women’s health, clinical ethics, and the care of patients with specific diseases or psychological problems.

The Multicampus Fellowship is funded by three allied programs. These programs share a core health services research faculty and curriculum, and each fellow’s research and educational activities span all program sites. Fellows carry out their clinical activities, either at UCLA or at one of the two VA locations. The Women’s Health Fellowship has the special additional requirement of achieving advanced clinical competency in primary care for women.

PARTICIPATING FELLOWSHIPS

Primary Care Research Fellowship. This fellowship, funded by the Health Resources Services Administration, began in 1988 and is open to general internists, family physicians and pediatricians. Fellows in this program do their clinical work at the UCLA Center for the Health Sciences.

Health Services Research Fellowship. This fellowship, funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs, began at the West Los Angeles and Sepulveda campuses of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System in 1990 and 1994, respectively. Health Services Research Fellowships are open to general internists, internal medicine subspecialists, surgeons, and psychiatrists. Fellows in these programs do work at the Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center.

Women’s Health Fellowship. This fellowship, funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs, is open to primary care physicians, obstetricians and gynecologists, psychologists and other clinicians who are interested in research in women’s health. Fellows in this program also develop competencies in clinical care for women, including performance of minor gynecologic procedures, through the VA Women’s Health Center program.

VA Quality Scholars Fellowship This two-year program, funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs and created in collaboration with The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, is designed for post-residency physicians and pre- or post-doc nurses interested in experiential learning and hands-on work with quality improvement in VA healthcare systems.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Applicants must have completed an accredited residency training program prior to enrollment in the fellowship. Applications from individuals with additional experience after residency are also encouraged. Applicants complete a single application for all of the participating programs. Applicants are asked to indicate their preferences regarding the location of their clinical care responsibilities, and these preferences, along with other factors, are taken into account in assigning fellows to sites. The Women’s Health Program considers only applicants indicating an interest in Women’s Health, although these applicants may also indicate interest in, or a preference for, one of the other programs.

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