

The UCLA/VA Multicampus Primary Care and Health Services Research Fellowship Program

provides 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, women's health and unhouse populations.

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, mentored research project.

Each fellow chooses a clinician and a social scientist to serve as primary mentors for designing and completing a research project. Available mentors include well-known investigators from any of the four affiliated program locations, including the UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health, 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, unhoused populations, women's health, geriatrics, clinical ethics, implementation science and the care of patients with specific diseases or psychological problems.

The Multicampus Fellowship is supported 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 the VA. 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, pediatricians, dentists and post-doctoral nurses. Fellows in this program do their clinical work at the UCLA Center for the Health Sciences.

VA Advanced Fellowship in Health Services Research. This fellowship, funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Academic Affiliations, began at the VA Greater Los Angeles (GLA) in 1990. The program aims to develop the competencies needed to apply health services and implementation science to improving health systems. It has grown since its inception and is now open to post-residency physicians, post-doctoral nurses, psychologists and other post-doctoral health professionals and social scientists. Applicants must be US citizens.

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.

FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Physician applicants must complete an accredited residency training program prior to entering the fellowship. Associated health professionals and social scientists must have completed a PhD. Applications from individuals with additional experience after residency are also encouraged. Applicants complete a single application for all of the participating programs. Applicants' clinical and research preferences, along with other factors, are considered 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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