Unique Opportunity for Professionals in Health and Aging

Call for Applications

We invite candidates with a strong commitment to health and aging issues, leadership potential, and interest in aging-relevant work to join the next class of Health and Aging Policy Fellows (2019-2020).

The Program
The Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program aims to create a cadre of leaders who will serve as change agents in health and aging policy to ultimately improve the health care of older adults. The year-long fellowship offers a rich and unique training and enrichment program that is focused on current policy issues, communication skills development, and professional networking opportunities to provide fellows with the experience and skills necessary to help affect policy.

The fellowship program offers different tracks:

1. **The Residential track** allows fellows to participate in the policymaking process on either the federal or state level as legislative assistants in congress, professional staff members in executive branch agencies or policy organizations.

2. **The Non-Residential track** allows fellows to remain at their home institution but work on a policy project that involves brief placement(s) throughout the year at relevant sites.

3. **The Behavioral Health track** is an additional opportunity for both residential and non-residential fellows to influence policy at the intersection of aging and mental health and substance use disorders, including late-life depression and suicide, interventions for behavioral manifestations of dementia, opioid use among the elderly, accelerated aging in people with serious mental illness, and other potential topics of interest to applicants.

4. **The Veterans Affairs (VA) track** creates opportunities for VA employees to apply to the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program as a non-residential fellow. VA-Health and Aging Policy Fellows remain based at their local VA institution but work on a policy project that may involve brief placement(s) throughout the year at relevant sites. This VA track has some unique features but largely will mirror the overall program. Details for VA applicants can be found on the HAPF website and the [VA website](#).

Who Should Apply?
The program has a broad interdisciplinary focus and fellows have included physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, food scientists, city planners, healthcare administrators, epidemiologists, economists, and lawyers from academic and practice settings, spanning career stages from newly minted PhDs to senior professors and community leaders. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Key Dates

- Submission deadline: April 15th, 2019
- Finalist Interviews: Mid-May
- Interviews and selection of fellows: Mid-June

For more information on the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program and how to apply, please visit our website at [www.healthandagingpolicy.org](http://www.healthandagingpolicy.org).

If you have any further questions about the program or how to apply for the fellowship, please contact:

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