



NAM Scholars in Dx Ex

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THE COUNCIL OF MEDICAL SPECIALTY SOCIETIES

Program Description

This collaborative program between the National Academy of Medicine ([NAM](#)) and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies ([CMSS](#)) is designed to develop a cadre of leaders who can drive implementation of effective strategies to raise awareness of diagnosis in medicine; support [diagnostic excellence](#), including diagnostic safety, quality, and equity; 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, safety, equity 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 monthly educational sessions; 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 dxscholars.nam.edu.**

*With additional support from [The John A. Hartford Foundation](#), an 11th scholar with a focus on advancing diagnostic excellence for older adults may be selected.

Eligibility

The program seeks exceptional mid-career 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 address specific recommendations of the report mentioned above, when applicable.

Apply at <https://namfellows.secure-platform.com/submission>.

Inquiries

For more information, contact Yumi Phillips, an NAM program officer, at 202-334-1506 / yphillips@nas.edu or NAM.Scholars@nas.edu.

Key 2024 Dates:

• [Jan. 18 at 11am ET](#),
[Jan. 31 at 1pm ET](#) &
[Feb. 13 at 3pm ET](#)

Applicant Q&A

• [March 1 at 3pm ET](#)
Applications Due

• [March 29](#)
*Finalists Notification**

• [April 12 at 3pm ET](#)
Finalists' Video
Submissions Due

• [May 13](#)
Scholars Notification

• [June 26-28](#)
Scholars' Orientation
in Washington, DC

**Finalists will be requested to provide additional materials in lieu of an interview with the NAM-appointed advisory committee.*

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