

# CLINICAL SCHOLARS

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program



Be a Change Leader.  
Build a Culture of Health.  
APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 2017

*Leadership development opportunity for practitioners across diverse health care fields including nurses, physicians, dentists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, nutritionists, audiologists, veterinarians and other clinicians.*



In the *Clinical Scholars* program, interprofessional teams of clinicians:

- Prepare to lead transformative change—centered on health equity—in their communities.
- Realize their unique role as both health care providers and trusted leaders within their communities.
- Work across disciplines to tackle real, complex health problems in their communities and, ultimately, build a nationwide Culture of Health.

*Clinical Scholars* is led by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with participants working in their home communities across the country.

It is one of four national change leadership programs designed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to extend the influence and impact of leaders working to build a Culture of Health—one in which health is a guiding social value and everyone can attain the best health possible. Participants will become the next generations of leaders, collaborating across sectors to upend the status quo, address health disparities, and take bold steps to achieve greater equity in communities across the country.

*“Health care providers got into this business to impact people’s lives and improve communities. We know we can’t do that with just our practice or discipline alone. It will take collaboration across the health care field and across all sectors if we are to uproot the systemic causes of health disparities and build a vibrant, inclusive Culture of Health.”*

—Giselle Corbie-Smith, MD, MSc  
Co-Director,  
RWJF *Clinical Scholars* Program

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# Program Elements and Timeline

## PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Each year, *Clinical Scholars* will select up to 50 clinically active health care providers. Applicants must have achieved the terminal clinical degree in their profession, completed all required clinical training five or more years prior to applying and be fully licensed in their chosen profession. They also should have substantial community-focused research or program experience. To drive important change in every aspect of health care, the program seeks participants from a wide range of fields and practices—nurses, physicians, pharmacists, physical therapists, dentists, veterinarians, allied health, and many others.

Most will apply as interprofessional and interdisciplinary teams of two to five; individuals will apply to complement existing *Clinical Scholars* teams. Participants work and learn from their home communities; they do not need to relocate.

### Participants will:

- Select a real-world project to address over the course of the three year program.
- Take part in seven distinct, in-person leadership sessions, reinforced by distance-based learning using interactive technology.
- Network within and across professions, thematic areas of interest, regions and RWJF-funded programs, and receive high-touch mentoring and executive coaching.
- Present the results of their project in several settings, including a “TED”-style talk for the next cohort.
- Receive an annual fellowship of \$35,000 per award recipient.

**Upon completion of the three-year program, participants will be connected with a national group of leaders working in diverse disciplines within and outside health care. They will be equipped to apply advanced skills including:**

- Leadership and collaboration across sectors, professions, and disciplines
- Community engagement and ability to influence systems and institutions
- Issue-framing and public will-building
- Deep understanding of equity, Culture of Health, research, and other concepts
- Communication and advocacy

### CLINICAL SCHOLARS: PROGRAM PARTNERS

AcademyHealth  
 Community Campus Partnerships for Health  
 University of Nebraska Medical Center  
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### CHANGE LEADERSHIP AT RWJF

In addition to *Clinical Scholars*, RWJF supports these other change leadership programs:

- *Health Policy Research Scholars* (for first- or second-year doctoral scholars from populations underrepresented in graduate programs)
- *Culture of Health Leaders* (for community-based teams)
- *Interdisciplinary Research Leaders* (for teams of researchers and community leaders)

Each program combines leadership development, mentoring, and collaboration across programs and sectors to build a Culture of Health. Details and application information at [www.rwjf.org/changeleaders](http://www.rwjf.org/changeleaders).

## 2017 TIMELINE



Timeline subject to change. Check our website for updates.

