The Residency Fellowship in Health Policy (RFHP) is a special offering of the George Washington University's Department of Health Policy, made possible through the combined resources of the School of Public Health and Health Services and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The RFHP is available to residents from all disciplines who are interested in an intensive, short-term health policy fellowship as part of their graduate medical education experience.

The goal of the RFHP is to provide residents with an understanding of U.S. health policy and its implications for medical practice and health care in the US. The program, sponsored by the nationally ranked Department of Health Policy, is not available in any other U.S. graduate medical education setting and capitalizes on GWU’s Washington D.C. location and the extraordinary health policy resources available in the region.

The RFHP faculty speakers are selected from many disciplines, and include a number of individuals who are national experts in their respective fields. By the end of the fellowship, participants will have received a basic grounding in key aspects of U.S. health policy and law through intensive seminars designed to build knowledge across the many fields of health policy, including health care access, financing, regulation, quality, disparities, education and workforce policy, public health protection, and health law. Participants will also witness health policy-making first-hand, through field trips to a variety of health policy-making settings including the Congress, federal agencies, professional associations, and local health delivery sites. In these settings, participants will have the opportunity to meet with policy professionals involved in many of today’s critical debates and decisions. Finally, participants will learn and apply fundamental principles of health policy analysis in simulations designed to mirror real-world challenges in health policy.

The three-week RFHP is offered twice each academic year. The Fall 2018 session will run from September 24 - October 12 and the Spring 2019 session will run from March 18 – April 5. Participants will be expected to have clear schedules for the rotation period. Night call (when required) and continuity clinics will be respected.

The Residency Fellowship in Health Policy is directed by Dr. Fitzhugh Mullan, Professor of Health Policy, Dr. Guenevere Burke, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Jim Scott, Professor of Emergency Medicine, and Dr. Natalie Kirilichin, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine. Interested residents should clear the dates with their program directors as soon as possible and contact the program coordinator, Leigh Anne Butler, at lbutler@gwu.edu.