Unique Opportunity for Professionals in Health and Aging

Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program
Call for Applications

We invite candidates with a strong commitment to health and aging issues, leadership potential, and interest in aging-relevant policy work to join the next class of Health and Aging Policy Fellows (2014-15).

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 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 affect change through policy at a local, state or federal level.

Fellows are typically placed at Congressional or Executive Branch settings where they work on key policy projects. The program offers two different tracks, residential and non-residential. The residential track includes a year-long placement in Washington, D.C. or at a state agency where fellows are immersed full-time in a policy-focused placement. Non-residential track fellows remain, for the most part, at their home institution, and focus on a project addressing a key policy issue with brief placement(s) throughout the year at relevant policy settings. The health policy projects may be national, state, local, or institution-based.

We would like to specially acknowledge our partnerships with the American Political Science Association (APSA), AcademyHealth, the John A. Hartford Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Gerontological Society of American (GSA) and their National Hartford Centers for Gerontological Nursing Excellence and the US Veterans Administration (VA).

Who Should Apply
The program has a broad interdisciplinary focus, and fellows have included physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, dieticians, healthcare administrators, epidemiologists, economists, and lawyers from academic and practice settings, spanning career stages from newly minted PhDs to senior professors and community leaders. The program is open to U.S. citizens and seeks to achieve racial, ethnic, gender, and discipline diversity. Applicants from groups that historically have been underrepresented are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application – Key Dates
Submission deadline: April 16
Notification of finalists to be interviewed: mid-May
Interviews and selection of fellows: mid-June

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