



# VA National Quality Scholars Fellowship Program Post-Residency/ Post-Doctoral Fellowship Positions

*Advancing the Scholarship of Improving Health Care*

## Purpose

To develop the next generation of leaders in the research, teaching, and administration of health care quality. The focus is on advancing the scientific basis and leadership of health care improvement, implementation science, and health systems research.

VA Quality Scholars (VAQS) will be able to:

- Design and lead efforts for quality improvement and implementation science.
- Teach health professionals about health care improvement and quality.
- Design and conduct research or improvement projects and publish results in peer-reviewed literature.
- Develop new knowledge for the ongoing improvement of the quality and value of health care services.
- Apply quality improvement and implementation research methods.
- Learn successful approaches for grant writing and funding.

## Program

The VAQS Fellowship Program was established in 1999 by the Veterans Health Administration in collaboration with the Dartmouth Institute. Ten VA Medical Centers (VAMC) participate in the program. Mentoring is a critical component of this two-year program which links individualized training at each site to a state-of-the-art curriculum developed by the Houston VA. Each year, two positions are available at each site. Stipends and fringe benefits are provided by the VA.

## Curriculum Components

- Interactive video conferences (50/year)
- Participation in national meetings
- Fellow improvement projects
- Clinical and education activities

## Requirements:

**Physicians:** Applicants must have completed ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship training, be board-eligible or board-certified, and have an active, unrestricted U.S. license to practice. International medical graduates must also fulfill visa and ECFMG requirements.

**Nurses:** Completed DNP or PhD; active, unrestricted license to practice; and U. S. citizenship.

Other professionals considered on request.

## Contact Information

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**Application Due: Feb. 28**  
**Start Date: July 1**

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