



## **The American Academy of Nursing Congratulates Paule V. Joseph as the Inaugural AAN Fellow at the National Academy of Medicine**

**August 9, 2022 (Washington, DC)** – The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) congratulates Paule V. Joseph, PhD, MS, FNP-BC, FAAN, as the inaugural AAN Fellow at the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). Announced earlier this year, AAN and the NAM partnered to further advance interprofessional collaboration as both organizations seek to recommend sound policy on pressing issues related to public health. The purpose of the [AAN NAM Fellowship program](#) is to provide talented scholars in nursing with the opportunity to experience and participate in evidence-based public health studies that improve the care and access to care of patients in domestic and global health care systems.

The NAM selected Dr. Joseph from a highly competitive pool of applicants based on her professional qualifications, reputation as a scholar, professional accomplishments, and the relevance of her current field expertise to the work of the NAM and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. According to NAM, “The fellows will collaborate with eminent researchers, policy experts, and clinicians from across the country during their two-year fellowship. They will also help facilitate initiatives convened by the National Academies to provide nonpartisan, scientific, and evidence-based guidance to national, state, and local policymakers, academic leaders, health care administrators, and the public.”

Dr. Joseph is currently a Lasker Clinical Investigator at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She is an internationally known chemosensory-trained nurse scientist and her seminal work on taste and smell disorders has proven extremely relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic when many reported losses of taste and smell from the disease. Dr. Joseph’s work also explores the intersection between chemosensation, environment, culture, dietary norms and behaviors, and the food industry as they relate to substance use disorders and obesity. Her research also focuses on developing outreach and training initiatives that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in biomedical research both within and outside of the NIH. Dr. Joseph’s earned her FAAN credential in 2020 when she was inducted into AAN. She serves on the AAN Expert Panel on Cultural Competence, the Expert Panel on Genomic Nursing & Health Care, and the Fellow Selection Committee.

“I am very excited and honored to be selected for this exceptional opportunity to be the AAN Fellow at NAM. This unique experience ties into my research background and will allow me to further enhance partnerships within the health professions to make a lasting impact on the equity of care for the nation,” said Dr. Joseph.

“We are thrilled that Dr. Joseph was selected as the inaugural AAN Fellow at the National Academy of Medicine, said Academy President Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN. Her expertise, research portfolio, and critical focus on health equity reinforces the intent of the program—inserting nursing knowledge into national conversations that will impact health reform. The Board of Directors envisioned this Fellowship as a way to elevate the voice of nursing and support the development of nurse scholars who influence policy. It is truly an exciting time for Dr. Joseph, the Academy, the profession, and the countless lives that will continue to be impacted by Dr. Joseph’s career.”

As [outlined](#) by NAM, Fellows will continue in their primary academic or research posts while engaging part time over a two-year period in the National Academies' health and science policy work. They will also work with an expert study committee or roundtable related to their professional interests, including contributing to reports or other products. A flexible research grant will be awarded to every fellow.

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#### **About the American Academy of Nursing**

The [American Academy of Nursing](#) serves the public by advancing health policy through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. Academy Fellows are inducted into the organization for their extraordinary contributions to improve health locally and globally. With more than 2,900 Fellows, the Academy represents nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia.

#### **About the National Academy of Medicine**

The [National Academy of Medicine](#), established in 1970 as the Institute of Medicine, is an independent organization of eminent professionals from diverse fields including health and medicine; the natural, social, and behavioral sciences; and beyond. It serves alongside the [National Academy of Sciences](#) and the [National Academy of Engineering](#) as an adviser to the nation and the international community. Through its domestic and global initiatives, the NAM works to address critical issues in health, medicine, and related policy and inspire positive action across sectors. The NAM collaborates closely with its peer academies and other divisions within the [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine](#).

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