



American Academy of Nursing Jonas Scholars Program Description and Application

Launched in 2014, the Jonas Policy Scholars program, generously funded by Jonas Philanthropies, supports early-career scholars seeking to build their knowledge and aptitude in health policy, the policy process, and the interconnection of politics. The Academy Jonas Policy Scholars program is a two-year fellowship program in which up to six highly-qualified doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows, or recent doctoral graduates (within 2 years of graduation) in nursing will be selected to engage in direct policy actions that align with the Academy's [policy priorities](#). The three components of the Jonas Policy Scholar program are mentoring, policy, and engagement.

Mentoring

Each scholar will be paired with a member of the National Policy Mentoring Council (NPMC) who will serve as their mentor throughout the two-year program. In addition to bimonthly one-on-one mentoring sessions, members of the NPMC will also provide policy lectures to the entire cohort in their area of expertise.

Policy

Scholars will work side-by-side with Academy staff, including the Senior Director of Policy and Policy Assistant, to promote the Academy's vision to impact and influence health policy through nursing knowledge and leadership. Supporting the work of all 24 Academy Expert Panels, scholars will help scan the Federal Register, research evidence needed for Academy policy statements, and help draft comments. Additionally, each scholar will present a *Peer-to-Peer on Policy* webinar on a policy topic of their choice to their peers and engage in thoughtful conversation around policy solutions as well as overcoming barriers.

Engagement

Scholars will attend the Academy's *Transforming Health, Driving Policy* conference each year they are in the program. Additionally, scholars will participate in a three-day immersion program in Washington, DC that will provide real-time exposure to policy leaders from various federal entities and partner organizations.

The 2021-2022 Academy Jonas Policy Scholars will begin in early March 2021. Notifications will be sent February 2021.

Benefits for the Scholar

Mentoring

- Receives 12 one-hour mentoring sessions from Academy Policy Leaders within the NPMC by phone or video conferencing.
- Receives 12 one-hour policy lectures from Academy Policy Leaders within the NPMC/Guest Lectures via video conferencing.

Policy

- Opportunity to write, research, and strategize with Academy policy staff to advance policy priorities through policy statements, comments, and briefs.
- Lead one *Peer-to-Peer on Policy* session

Engagement

- Attend two policy conferences of the American Academy of Nursing and the Institute for Nursing Leadership Workshop and Luncheon in Washington, DC
- Attend a three-day immersion program created solely for the Scholars

Responsibilities of the Scholar

- Attend all 24 mentoring/lecture sessions
- Fulfill all assignments provided by the Academy staff
- Thoughtfully develop one *Peer-to-Peer on Policy* session
- Fully attend the respective two policy conferences in 2021 and 2022
- Fully attend a three-day immersion program
- Write a final report detailing participant experience and information learned
- Provide one seminar/lecture at the Scholar's school or workplace (if applicable) sharing the Scholar's Experience and motivating others to engage in policy
- Participate in a Jonas Nursing and Veterans Health (JNVH) webinar to disseminate learning to JNVH scholars nationally (Cohort presentation)

Expected time commitment is approximately 16-20 hours per month.

Selection Criteria for the Program

1. Applicant is a nurse and doctoral (PhD or DNP) student, post-doctoral fellow, or recent graduate from a doctoral nursing program or doctoral program in related field (within two-years) at time of submission, residing in the U.S. and willing to make a two-year commitment to the Academy Jonas Policy Scholars program. Applicants who are current or former Jonas Scholars are preferred. However, former Academy Jonas Policy Scholars are not eligible.
2. Evidence of scholarship potential (e.g., history of presentations at professional meetings, multi authored publications, and receipt of honors, awards, or fellowships).
3. Evidence of leadership potential (e.g., prior leadership experience in organizations (pre or post licensure), experience leading initiatives as a student or in work settings, participation in policy-related initiatives).
4. Must be sponsored by a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.
5. Match between applicant's interest area and at least one health care issue addressed as part of the 2021-2022 Academy Policy Priorities.

Application Process

Complete and submit the following as a single PDF to Sonya Desai, Policy Assistant, by **January 4, 2021** at sdesai@AANnet.org:

1. The Academy Jonas Policy Scholar program application form (attached);
2. Applicant's curriculum vitae;
3. A letter of support from a current Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing addressing applicant's potential and commitment to the mission of the Academy.



2021 Academy Jonas Policy Scholar Application
Deadline: January 4, 2021

First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name: _____

Credentials: _____

(Preferred order is as follows: highest degree, licensure, certifications)

Mailing Address

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Position:

- I am a doctoral student in a DNP Program
- I am a doctoral student in a PhD Program
- I am a post-doctoral fellow in a research-focused program
- I am a post-doctoral fellow in a clinical or health policy-focused program
- I am a recent graduate (within 2 years) from a doctoral nursing program (or related field)
- Other: _____

For applicants currently enrolled in a doctoral program:

Expected date of graduation or fellowship completion (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Are you currently receiving support from Jonas Philanthropies?

- No
- Yes, please describe: _____

School Information

Name and address of school in which you are currently enrolled as a student or post-doctoral fellow, fellowship program if not associated with a school or university, or school from which you have recently graduated:

Name of University/School/Program: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Demographic Information

What is your racial/ethnic background (check as many as apply)?

- American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian
- Black or African-American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Other
- Prefer Not to Disclose

What is your gender? _____

- Prefer Not to Disclose

List below your peer-reviewed publications (articles, book chapters) within the last three years, including at least one for which you were the lead author. Please provide full citations. (Do not include abstracts published in conference proceedings.)

List below your leadership experiences within the last three years. Include the title of your leadership position, description of leadership role, years in service, and whether this was a community, state, national, regional, or international role.

Academy Policy Priority Preference

The 2021-2022 Jonas Policy Scholars will be matched with a mentor based on their policy interests. Please rank the Academy's Policy Priorities in order of your preference.

- Advance Health Equity and Champion Wellness
- Promote Innovation and Sustainability
- Reduce Patient, Provider, and System Burden

Please select up to three policy areas of interest in which you would like to focus.

- Veterans' Health
- Mental Health
- Environmental Health
- Visual Health
- Disaster Relief, Emergency and Infectious Disease Response
- Health Equity
- Holistic Nursing

Question 1:

What do you consider to be the most important policy issue(s) affecting health or health care today? (Not to exceed 250 words)

Question 2:

Briefly describe what you hope to learn or achieve through the Jonas Policy Scholars Program and how this will inform your career goals. (Not to exceed 500 words)

Question 3:

Briefly describe clinical, technological, research, or policy experience you believe would contribute to your work as a Jonas Policy Scholar. (Not to exceed 250 words)

Sponsor Information:

All applicants must be sponsored by a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. Sponsors must submit a one-page signed letter of support addressing the applicant’s leadership and scholarship potential and the reasons they believe the applicant is a good candidate for the Jonas Policy Scholars program. This letter of support is required for an application to be considered complete.

Sponsor Name: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Position: _____
Email: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____
How long has the sponsor known the applicant? _____

Submit this application, curriculum vitae, and sponsor letter by January 4, 2021 via email to Sonya Desai, Policy Assistant, at sdesai@AANnet.org with the subject line “2021 Jonas Policy Scholar Application Submission.”

Please contact Sonya Desai at sdesai@AANnet.org with any questions or concerns.