



American Academy of Nursing and Jonas Philanthropies Partner to Revamp Policy Scholars Program

Funded by Jonas Philanthropies, the New Jonas Policy Scholars Program Will Transform Nurse Scholars into Emerging Policy Leaders

Washington, DC (August 1, 2019)—The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) is honored to announce a new partnership with the [Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare](#), the signature program of [Jonas Philanthropies](#). Through a \$180,000 grant, the Academy will restructure and modernize the Jonas Policy Scholars Program, providing scholars with a two-year experience focused on mentoring, policy, and engagement.

“Since the program launched in 2014, Jonas Philanthropies has been a tremendous partner to the Academy,” said Academy President Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FACHE, FAAN. “The updates made to the program to more explicitly focus on the policy process, as well as, the creation of more robust mentoring and engagement components, which will be extremely beneficial to the new scholars. It is our goal that the next cohorts will be emboldened to participate in the policy process after their program ends.”

This grant will fund two cohorts—comprised of six scholars each—over a total of four years. Notable changes to the program include the addition of thought-provoking Peer-to-Peer on Policy webinars, mentorship by highly recognized policy leaders within the Academy to form the National Policy Mentoring Council (NPMC), and a three-day Policy Immersive, located in Washington, DC.

The new structure will also allow the scholars to work directly with policy staff at the Academy to advance the organization’s [policy priorities](#): Advance Health Equity and Champion Wellness; Promote Innovation and Sustainability; Reduce Patient, Provider, and System Burden. The focus on advancing the priorities areas will buttress the work of all 24 Academy [Expert Panels](#).

“To be a nurse leader means to embrace life-long learning and empower emerging nurse leaders to be innovators and meaningfully influence policy,” said Wanda Montalvo, PhD, RN, Executive Director of Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare and incoming fellow of the Academy. “The modernization of the Jonas Policy Scholars program is a result of strategic thinking and collaboration with Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, FAAN, CEO of AAN, which aims to prepare scholars to support higher-level policy priorities.”

Academy Jonas Policy Scholars are selected based on evidence of scholarship, leadership experience, and demonstrated passion for policy. [Applications](#) are open today, August 1, 2019 with an application deadline of August 30, 2019.

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About the American Academy of Nursing

The [American Academy of Nursing](#) (Academy) serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice, and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership. The Academy’s more than 2,600 Fellows are nursing’s most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, research,

and policy. They have been recognized for their extraordinary contributions to nursing and healthcare.

About Jonas Philanthropies

Jonas Philanthropies is transforming healthcare for the better by investing where it matters most, in solutions that can be scaled for the greatest impact. Its programs address high-need issues and audiences with high-impact solutions: promoting leadership in nursing and veterans healthcare, preventing and treating low vision and blindness, and protecting our children's environmental health. For more information about Jonas Philanthropies, visit jonasphilanthropies.org, follow us on [Twitter](#), or like us on [Facebook](#).

About Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare

Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare (JNVH) is the signature program of Jonas Philanthropies. In partnership with schools across the country, Jonas Nursing and Veterans Healthcare identifies and invests in high-potential doctoral nursing Scholars who will address our nation's most pressing healthcare needs. These nurses will go on to fill leadership roles as faculty, clinical leaders and researchers. For more information about JNVH, visit jonasphilanthropies.org, follow us on [Twitter](#), or like us on [Facebook](#).

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