The Distinguished National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Nurse Scholar-in-Residence program provides a year-long residential leadership opportunity in health policy in Washington, DC. It is designed as an immersion experience to facilitate engaging nurse leaders in a prominent role in health policy development at the national level as well as their interaction with other health fellows and scholars. The American Academy of Nursing (AAN), the American Nurses Foundation (Foundation) and the American Nurses Association (ANA), in partnership with the NAM, support this program.

CRITERIA: Nurse scholars and nurse policy experts are encouraged to apply upon meeting the following criteria:

- Membership in the Academy required and in the NAM preferred
- Alignment of health policy interest with the NAM, AAN, ANA, and ANF. Personal potential for future contributions to health policy at the national or state levels
- Commitment to interprofessional collaboration
- Notable record of professional and/or scholarly achievements
- Understanding of the importance of networking within the health policy community, identifying opportunities for nurse-leader engagement, and communication of those interactions and opportunities to sponsors

The major project while a scholar in the program must include:

- A self-initiated study with policy consequences that is designed and executed following the health policy phase of the scholar’s experience and aligns with current NAM priorities and addresses a relevant or national nursing priority
- Early and regular direct interaction with AAN, ANA and Foundation staff and volunteers

Direct support for Scholars includes:

- An annual stipend of $90,000 (plus up to $5,000 for related expenses)
- Provision of an office at NAM with appropriate supports (e.g., computer, phone, access to a printer, access to software programs and library resources)
- An intensive two-month orientation in federal health policy formation coordinated by NAM.

Outcomes:

- Participation in NAM activities and work (e.g., serving as staff for a project, recommending nurses for NAM committees or projects, conducting brown-bag discussions);
- A minimum of one policy-oriented paper in chosen area of study to be submitted for refereed publication within six months of completion of scholarship, (e.g., as part of a NAM report or as an article in the AAN journal, Nursing Outlook, or ANA’s American Nurse Today.
- An invitation to the scholar’s final report at the NAM for AAN, Foundation, and ANA leadership
- A report to the AAN, Foundation, and ANA Boards of activities and accomplishments within 60 days of scholar in residence completion.
TESTIMONIALS:

“The experience is important not only for the scholar but also as a uniquely powerful opportunity for nursing to help shape the future of health and health care in this country.” Marla E. Salmon

“This fellowship allowed me to formally pursue an area of interest not central to my academic research program…I would recommend it highly!” Nancy E. Reame

“I saw health care and health policy through the eyes of people outside the nursing profession. These perspectives, while disturbing at times, are critical to designing strategies that will better position nurses and nursing.” Bonnie M. Jennings

“As a scholar in residence, I had so many opportunities open to me, and learned so much about the research-policy link.” Angela Barron McBride

For a list of recent Scholars visit: https://nam.edu/programs/health-policy-educational-programs-and-fellowships/nurse-scholar-in-residence-program/.

APPLICATION PROCESS:
Applicants must submit the following documents electronically to the American Academy of Nursing:

1. A proposal (no more than five pages) describing how the applicant’s health policy scholarly interests fit with the broader policy priorities of the NAM, AAN, ANA, and Foundation. Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume not to exceed ten pages

2. A cover letter which should include:
   - Information that complements the CV about the applicant’s interprofessional experiences, policy interests, and ability to complete the project and produce a policy-relevant paper
   - A statement of full-time commitment to the program
   - The names and addresses, including e-mail addresses, of two individuals who can speak to the applicant’s previous achievements, interdisciplinary and policy experiences, and ability to complete the project

Complete applications should be sent electronically to the American Academy of Nursing by January 31, 2019 to CEO@AANnet.org. Please put "NAM Nurse Scholar" in the subject line.

REVIEW/SELECTION PROCESS: A panel that includes the incumbent scholar (if available) and one previous policy nurse scholar (incumbent to chair), the Director of the NAM Scholars Program (or designee), and the Presidents of the AAN, ANA, and Foundation (or designees) will review the applications. Applicants may be interviewed in person or by telephone if clarification is needed.

The Scholar will be provided with a formal appointment letter and welcome and orientation package.

The start of the one-year program is September 1, 2019.

Questions? Please email the Academy at CEO@AANnet.org