National Clinician Scholars Program

APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 15, 2026

INTERPROFESSIONAL & MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The National Clinician Scholars Program (NCSP) is the only **postdoctoral research fellowship for physicians and doctorally-trained nurses across multiple disciplines and specialties**. Building on the legacy of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program, the NCSP provides **advanced training in health services research and leadership** to tackle pressing healthcare challenges. Scholars explore diverse topics, from **artificial intelligence** and **climate change** to **health systems innovation** and **implementation science**, driving impact across clinical, public, and academic sectors.

With sites at top research universities, a competitive stipend, and access to prominent mentors, scholars engage in rigorous research and collaborate with faculty, multidisciplinary peers, and community partners. The program builds expertise in research design, leadership, and opportunities for community engagement while offering personalized mentorship and career planning. Our robust alumni network is shaping the future of health and health care.

WHAT OUR ALUMNI ARE SAYING

KATHERINE CHEN, MD, PHD (INTERNAL MEDICINE)
DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT UCLA

"NCSP fueled my passion for interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research, providing the mentorship, skills, and experience I needed to establish my career as an academic clinician-investigator."

KORTNEY FLOYD JAMES, RN, PHD, PNP (NURSING)
RAND CORPORATION

"NCSP invites clinician researchers with various career pathways to engage with scholars. I gained a deeper understanding of the career options available to nurse scientists—beyond academia."

ALEXANDER JANKE, MD, MHS, MSC (EMERGENCY MEDICINE)
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

"For real impact, you've got to get out of your clinical bubble, and cut across disciplines. There is simply no other health services fellowship better than NCSP to grow your academic circle."

ISH BHALLA, MD, MS (PSYCHIATRY)
WELBE HEALTH

"NCSP gave me time to think about medical specialities outside of psychiatry and how to use research skills to make a greater impact on health care. The program accelerated my career development toward administrative and leadership positions in the private sector."

ELIGIBILITY

- **Physicians** (MD or DO) who have completed clinical training and **general surgery residents** in their research years
- **Nurses** with a PhD or DNP
- Applications due **August 15, 2026,** for start on July 1, 2027

VISIT THE NCSP WEBSITE FOR MORE:

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