

Alumni Feedback



“The Clinical Scholars program brought out the best of my personal skills while honing my professional skills.”
— **Kavita Patel, M.D., M.S.H.S.**, *deputy staff director for the Health subcommittee of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Massachusetts).*



“I would absolutely recommend the Clinical Scholars program. There is no other program that has the eclectic, policy relevant, systems-thinking, advocacy-oriented, collaborative curriculum that this program has. It was invaluable to my career.”
— **Kimberly Rask, M.D., Ph.D.**, *director of the Emory Center on Health Outcomes and Quality, associate professor of health policy and management, and associate professor of medicine at Emory University.*



“The mentorship and networking opportunities the Clinical Scholars program offers are stellar.” “As a scholar, I learned all about research methodology, which gave me a foundation that’s been absolutely pivotal to my career.”
— **R. “Mort” Wasserman, M.D., M.P.H.**, *professor of pediatrics at the University of Vermont and director of Pediatric Research in Office Settings (PROS), the practice-based research network of the American Academy of Pediatrics.*



“[The program] gave me a foundation in research and policy that complemented my clinical training and developed my critical thinking skills.”
— **Esa Davis, M.D., M.P.H.**, *assistant professor in the department of family medicine, division of research, at Case Western Reserve University.*

Examples of Recent Publications by Scholars



Gee R (2006-2009, University of Pennsylvania), Shacter H, Kaufman E, Long J. “Behind-the-counter status and availability of emergency contraception.” *American Journal of Pediatrics and Gynecology*. 2008. Online publication June 11th, 2008, Paper edition in press.



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Mahajan A (2006-2009, University of California, at Los Angeles), Stemple L, Shapiro M, King J, Cunningham W. “Consistency of State Statutes with Centers for Disease Control & Prevention HIV Testing Recommendations for Health Care Settings.” *Annals of Internal Medicine*. In Press.



Kuy S (2007-2009, Yale University), Roman S, Desai R, Sosa J. “Outcomes following thyroid and parathyroid surgery in pregnant women.” *Archives of Surgery*. In Press.



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Our Mission We seek to develop physician leaders who will create change while preserving a commitment to service and patients. The program offers a university-based post-residency training program at four participating universities:

University of California,

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Program Graduates have gone on to become:

- Directors of major federal, state and local health agencies and departments (including David Satcher, M.D., U.S. Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health in 1998 and Joseph Thompson, M.D., current director of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement).
- Hospital CEOs (including Gary Gottlieb, M.D., M.B.A., president of Brigham and Women's Hospital).
- Leaders in the fields of health services research and health economics (including Raynard Kington, M.D., Ph.D., acting director, National Institutes of Health, and Robert Dittus, M.D., M.P.H., director at the Center for Health Services Research, Albert and Bernard Werthan Professor of Medicine, and professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University.)

The RWJF Clinical Scholars national program office (NPO) provides overall direction, technical assistance and development of core curriculum for the Clinical Scholars program. The NPO is located at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Department of Social Medicine. The program director is Desmond Runyan, M.D., Dr.P.H.

The RWJF Clinical Scholars program has a national advisory committee (NAC) that is involved in a wide range of activities including program design, scholar selection, training site selection and training site oversight. Committee members are national leaders in health and health care who have been selected not only because of their prestige but their commitment to the goals of this program and its scholars.



About the Program

For more than three decades the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Clinical Scholars* program has led the transformation of health care in the United States. Graduates take positions in academic medicine, public health and other organizations. Scholars will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers on issues important to the health and health care of all Americans.

The RWJF Clinical Scholars program provides an unmatched opportunity for up to 29 physicians to pursue two years of study with generous funding and ample protected time for research and scholarship. Interested scholars will be considered for a third year of support.

Scholars graduate with the critical skills necessary to serve as an innovative and accomplished leader in the health care field. There are over 1,100 alumni of this program who serve as resources for current scholars.

What Scholars Do

Scholars are brought together annually for a national meeting to forge lasting relationships while fostering networking, discussing research and seeking to change the health care system. In addition, scholars are supported to attend professional meetings to present their research and cultivate relationships with colleagues engaged in similar research.

Mentorship

Each scholar is assigned a NAC mentor who will discuss career development and other issues, to complement the mentors at the participating university and community partner organizations. The NAC mentors will meet with the scholars at the program's annual meetings, and will be available throughout the year.

How to Apply

Apply to the RWJF Clinical Scholars program and join the best and the brightest physicians from every corner of the nation for an unmatched opportunity to make an impact on health care in this country.

Physicians who meet the eligibility requirement may apply online through the website at <http://rwjcspace.unc.edu> or contact the national program office at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

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Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A., president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Clinical Scholars alum, believes that the Clinical Scholars program helped catapult her career by allowing her to do policy work in an academic medical setting.

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"As a Clinical Scholar, I was encouraged to 'analyze' the health care system in a new and innovative way – one that allowed me to describe health care beyond the clinical realm."

She also praises the program for providing a "network of mentors and an environment of true collaboration. It was exceptional. For anyone who wants to be a catalyst for change in the health and health care of our country, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program is an excellent opportunity to do so."