

National Advisory Board and Mentors

The HAPF National Advisory Board (NAB) consists of prominent leaders in government, academia, and the private sector who possess expertise and experience in health, aging, and policy issues. NAB members provide guidance for program direction, serve on the Selection Committee, and serve as mentors to fellows. The list of NAB members can be found at http://www.healthandagingpolicy.org/about/advisory_board.html.

Each fellow is paired with one or more NAB members or another national expert(s) who serve as the fellow's primary policy mentor, assisting them in linking with appropriate colleagues and policymakers (both inside and outside of government) and building related networks.



“Transformative is the word staffers use to talk about the goals of health care reform in Washington, and at the risk of overuse, transformative is the word to describe my fellowship experience. As a non-residential fellow working a few days a month in Rockefeller’s office, I have learned the Federal policy dance, been impressed with staff knowledge on the intricacies of health care, and been inspired to continue working in the health policy field. I’ve been able to assist in pushing ahead the issues I care most about: policy-making for the ‘duals’– people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits – and Part D.”

Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine
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2008-2010 Health and Aging Policy Fellow
in the Office of Senator John D. Rockefeller IV

How to Apply

The application requires answering the application questions and submitting a CV and one-page biosketch. Three letters of reference are also required.

The application deadline is April 15th. Interviews of finalists in Washington, DC and selection of fellows will occur in June.

For complete information on how to apply and application deadlines, please visit our website at: www.healthandagingpolicy.org or contact:

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About the Program

The Health and Aging Policy Fellows (HAPF) Program was established in January 2008 with generous support from The Atlantic Philanthropies. The goal of the program is to provide professionals in health and aging with the experience and skills necessary to understand and impact policy and create a cadre of leaders to serve as change agents in health and aging policy to improve the health of older adults.

Program Tracks

The program offers two different tracks:

Residential fellows work full-time in the policy environment of their choice. Policy training can be obtained by working in the US Senate or House of Representatives, executive agencies at federal or state levels, or 'think tank' organizations.

Non-Residential fellows remain in their current positions while working on a specific policy project. The project involves short periods of travel throughout the year to relevant sites and can involve linkages with legislative or executive offices and other settings.

In addition to policy experience and projects, all fellows receive a core training program focused on current policy issues, communication skills development, and professional networking opportunities.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Fellows are selected based on their commitment to health and aging issues, leadership potential, and potential impact of the program on their career development. The program is multidisciplinary and open to professionals at all career stages.

Fellowship Stipend and Other Financial Support

Stipends for residential fellows range and are commensurate with each individual's current salary (up to \$120,000). In addition, financial support is provided for travel, relocation, and health insurance. Non-residential fellows submit a budget proposal of up to \$30,000 to cover related project costs that may also include support for a portion of their time spent participating in program activities. Travel costs to fellowship-related meetings for all fellows are reimbursed by the National Program Office and are in addition to residential fellows' stipends and non-residential fellows' budgets.

Fellows can also apply for second-year funding to continue components of their fellowship experience/project.



"The John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellowship has been a tremendous experience for me professionally. This opportunity has given me an in-depth understanding of partisan and interest group politics, Senate procedure, and health and aging policy and how these forces interact. The world of 'Capitol Hill' is more complex than I could have ever imagined. This fellowship has provided me with hands-on, useful knowledge and experience of how Capitol Hill actually operates. It has given me ideas on how to work within the complexity and how to better bridge the worlds of research, practice, and policy to improve the lives of older adults."

Gretchen Alkema, PhD, LCSW

Vice President, Policy and Communications
The SCAN Foundation

2008-2009 John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellow in the Office of Senator Blanche Lincoln

Partnerships

The HAPF Program is delighted to partner with the American Political Science Association (APSA) Congressional Fellowship Program. Founded in 1953, the APSA Congressional Fellowship Program is the nation's oldest and most prestigious congressional fellowship. The Health and Aging Policy Fellows participate in all APSA Congressional Fellowship Program activities.

We are equally delighted with our partnership with the John Heinz Senate Fellowship in Issues of the Aging. Our programs have combined to create the joint John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellowship. Each year, one individual is designated a John Heinz/Health and Aging Policy Fellow.

We have also had strong collaborations with the John A. Hartford Foundation, Practice Change Fellows Program, Gerontological Society of American (GSA), AcademyHealth, AARP, American Society on Aging (ASA), National Council on Aging (NCOA), American Geriatrics Society, as well as multiple Executive Branch agencies including: National Institute on Aging, Department of Veterans Affairs, Administration on Aging, Office of the Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, and others.



Fellow Toni Miles, Robin Barr (National Institute on Aging), Steven Dawson (PHI and Eldercare Workforce Alliance), Lauren LeRoy (Grantmakers in Health), and fellow Libbie Bragg participate on a panel at one of the HAPF retreats.