

“My Health and Aging Policy Fellowship was invaluable. As a residential Fellow in the Office of the Surgeon General, I was immersed in the world of public health policy and I got to participate in the implementation of health reform. “

Dawn Alley, Ph.D.

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Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine

2011-2012 Health and Aging Policy Fellow, Office of the Surgeon General

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program provides a unique opportunity for professionals in health and aging to gain the experience and skills necessary to make a positive contribution to the development and implementation of health policies that affect older Americans. Working closely with the American Political Science Association's Congressional Fellowship Program, we provide fellows with an opportunity to experience firsthand the dynamic intersection of policy, process and politics impacting health and health care in America.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Fellows are selected each year through a national competition based on their commitment to health and aging issues, leadership potential, and interest in impacting policy. The program has a broad interdisciplinary focus, and fellows have included physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, dietitians, healthcare administrators, epidemiologists, economists, and lawyers from academic and practice settings.

The program is open to U.S. citizens at all career stages and seeks to achieve racial, ethnic, gender, and discipline diversity. Applicants from groups that historically have been underrepresented are strongly encouraged to apply.

FELLOWSHIP YEAR AT A GLANCE 2014

April 16	Application deadline
May	Notification of finalists to be interviewed
June	Interviews in Washington, DC
June/September	NPO and fellows work together to identify potential placement sites, mentors and related logistics
October 1	Start date of fellowship-year
October	Academy Health Policy Orientation and NPO Aging Policy Orientation in Washington, DC (1 week in total)
November	American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program Orientation in Washington, DC (5 weeks)
December/January	Placements confirmed for all fellows; residential fellows begin working at placement sites

2015

February/March	Communications Workshop in Washington, DC (1.5 days)
April/May	Spring Symposium in Washington, DC (1.5 days)
September	Annual Leadership Retreat in Washington, DC (1.5 days)
	End of fellowship year

PROGRAM TRACKS

The program offers two different tracks:

The *residential* track includes a year-long placement in Washington, D.C. or at a state agency. Residential fellows are immersed full-time in policy-focused placement that is determined in the initial phase of the fellowship. Placements may include working as a legislative assistant in Congress, as professional staff in executive agencies, or with 'think tank' organizations, for example.

Non-residential fellows stay in their current positions while working on a specific policy project. Non-residential fellows typically establish partnerships or "virtual" placements with agencies or organizations working in health care policy. This may involve short periods of travel throughout the year to relevant sites.

All fellows receive intensive mentorship by national policy experts and participate in a range of professional development and training programs focused on current health and aging policy issues, the congressional and legislative system, communication skills development, and professional networking opportunities.

FELLOWSHIP STIPEND AND OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Stipends for residential fellows are commensurate with current salary (up to \$100,000). In addition, limited financial support is provided for relocation, and health insurance, if needed. Non-residential fellows submit a budget proposal for related project costs. Partial salary support may be available for fellows who are early in their career, however, we request some institutional in-kind support for all fellows.

Travel and related costs to attend fellowship-related meetings for all fellows are reimbursed by the National Program Office (NPO) and are in addition to residential fellows' stipends and non-residential fellows' budgets.

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“The Health and Aging Policy Fellowship has been a tremendous experience for me professionally. 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, Office of Senator Blanche Lincoln



2012-2013 Fellows

HOW TO APPLY

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

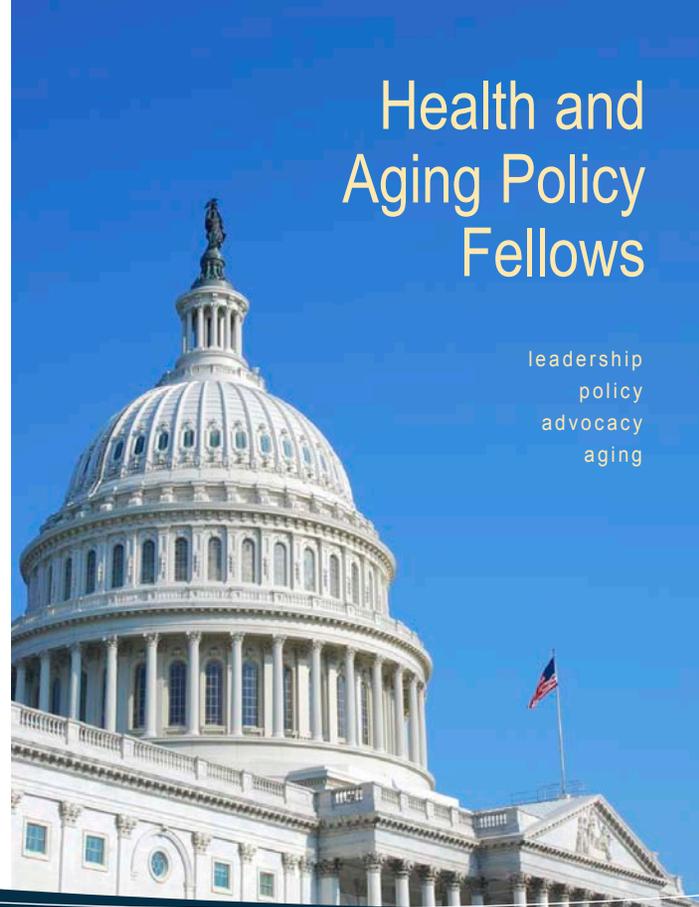
Applications for the 2014-2015 cycle are due by April 16th, 2014.

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The Health and Aging Policy Fellows 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 help affect policy and to create a cadre of leaders who will serve as change agents in health and aging policy that will ultimately improve the lives of older adults.

SAMPLE PLACEMENTS & PARTNERSHIPS

Senate and House Members' Offices and Committees
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Surgeon General's Office
US Department of Veterans Affairs
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation,
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Transportation
Administration for Community Living
Gerontological Society of America' National Hartford
Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence

"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 on 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."

Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH
Chief Medical Officer /Clinical Services Office Director
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
2008-2010 Health and Aging Policy Fellow, Office of Senator John D. Rockefeller IV

Creating leaders to serve as change agents in health and aging policy to improve the lives of older adults

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