

# NAM Scholars in Diagnostic Excellence

## **Program Description**

This collaborative program between the National Academy of Medicine ([NAM](#)) and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies ([CMSS](#)) supports up to 10 scholars in a one-year, part-time remote experience to enhance the scholars' knowledge and skills in diagnostic quality and safety, and accelerate their career development in becoming national leaders in the field. Scholars will build upon the work of the 2015 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report, [Improving Diagnosis in Health Care](#).

Each scholar will receive a stipend of \$35,000 that can be used towards salary offset, support for specific research efforts related to diagnostic excellence, and various program-related activities. Each scholar will also receive an additional \$5,000 to cover domestic travel expenses for program-related activities.

Beginning in July 2021, scholars will participate in a structured online curriculum, cohort learning activities, and professional networking opportunities through the NAM and CMSS. In addition, each scholar will be matched with a personal mentor who can provide subject matter/technical expertise for the work of the scholar and/or professional guidance. **For more information, visit [nam.edu/diagnosticscholars](http://nam.edu/diagnosticscholars).**

## **Eligibility**

The program seeks exceptional individuals who:

- Have earned a doctoral degree\* in a relevant discipline and completed all post-graduate training
- Have confirmation from academic department, health system, or equivalent that they have—and can dedicate—sufficient time to participate in the NAM Scholars' program activities and complete their proposed program in the allotted time

\*M.D., D.O., Ph.D., D.N.P., Dr.P.H., etc.

## **Selection Criteria**

Scholars will be selected by an NAM-appointed advisory committee through a national competition on basis of:

- Record of relevant professional accomplishments and demonstrated leadership in the applicant's field
- Potential to advance diagnostic excellence and make significant contributions at the national level to reduce diagnostic errors that lead to patient harm
- The quality and feasibility of the applicant's program proposal
- A clear plan for evaluation, dissemination, and implementation of the applicant's proposed program where applicable (e.g., institution, care setting, professional society)

*Strong preference will be given to candidates whose proposed program objectives advance specific recommendations of the report mentioned above.*

## **Inquiries**

For more information, contact Yumi Phillips, an NAM program officer, at 202-334-1506 / [yphillips@nas.edu](mailto:yphillips@nas.edu) or [NAM.Scholars@nas.edu](mailto:NAM.Scholars@nas.edu).

## **Key 2021 Dates:**

- **Jan. 21 at 11am ET & Feb. 2 at 3pm ET**  
*Applicant Webinars*
- **March 3 at 3pm ET**  
***Application Deadline***
- **April 2**  
*Finalists Notification\**
- **April 12-23**  
*Selection & Notification of Scholars*
- **July 1**  
*Program Start-Date*

*\*Finalists will be requested to provide additional materials in lieu of an interview with the NAM-appointed advisory committee.*

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