

# The Physicians Foundation Fellowship Program



The Physicians Foundation is proud to announce it is accepting applications for its Fellowship Program.



## Program Purpose

The Physicians Foundation Fellowship Program is an initiative to empower physician-led programs that advance the delivery of high-quality, cost-efficient health care to all patients.

The fellowship will equip physicians to be part of the next generation of physician leaders seeking to strengthen the physician-patient relationship, support medical practices' sustainability and help physicians navigate the changing health care system.

## About the Fellowship Program

The Physicians Foundation's Fellowship Program is aimed to advance physicians' leadership skills, improve physician wellbeing, address social drivers of health (SDOH) and lift physician perspectives. SDOH recognize that the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age have a major influence on individuals' health and the cost of health care in America.

The fellowship provides a mentoring program that equips participants with the tools and knowledge to engage in addressing the immediate and ongoing impediments to physicians, ultimately improving practice environments and professional fulfillment.

Specifically, the fellow will develop and implement a project that builds broad-based understanding of the social drivers of health and their implications for patients and physicians. With counsel from the fellowship mentor, a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors and the Physicians Foundation's collaborating organizations, such as [The Health Initiative](#) and [The Center for the Study of Physician Practice and Leadership \(CPPL\)](#) at Weill Cornell, the fellow will design a project plan within the first month and present updates on the project at the quarterly Board of Directors meetings.

Throughout the project, the fellow will collaborate with the Foundation's Communications Committee to participate in media interviews, join speaking engagements and publish articles, blogs and social media content related to the fellow's project. At the conclusion of the project, the fellow will work closely with this Committee to publish and promote a report on the project's outcomes that will be displayed on the Foundation's website.

Upon successful completion of the program, the fellow will be awarded a Certificate of Physician Leadership by The Physicians Foundation at the following quarterly meeting and expected to provide an orientation regarding their experience to the next program cohort.

## Program Benefits

- Expand leadership skills to be equipped to address barriers to physician wellbeing, improve practice environments and build understanding of SDOH implications for patients and physicians.
- Contribute to the research, education and innovative grant making happening nationally that seeks to shape the future of health care.
- Connect and learn from SDOH experts and leaders through mentorship opportunities.
- Share perspectives in the ongoing media and policy discourse on how to improve health care delivery.
- Advance research on the SDOH and their impact on all aspects of the health care environment.

## Fellowship Program Eligibility

The fellowship is open to physicians who are new or mid-career in their practice. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate experience with and interest in SDOH, physician leadership, health policy, health equity and clinical/care delivery innovation.

In addition to the program application, all applicants must include a current resume/CV, two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which is recommended to be from their state or county medical society, and a statement of intent that briefly describes how participation in the fellowship program will prepare you to make positive, constructive contributions to the medical profession.

## Fellowship Dates

The fellowship will last for 12-months beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

## Contact

For more information and an application, please contact [info@physiciansfoundation.org](mailto:info@physiciansfoundation.org).

## Required Meetings and Time Commitment

### VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- Monthly convening with the Social Drivers of Health Committee
- Quarterly convening with the Communications Committee
- Mentor engagement including monthly fireside chats with industry leaders

### FULL DAY COMMITMENTS

#### ***The Physicians Foundation's quarterly Board of Directors meetings:***

- August 4-5, 2022
- October 2022, dates TBD
- January 2023, dates TBD
- April 2023, dates TBD

#### ***The Physicians Foundation's Physician Leadership Academy:***

- Date TBD

#### ***Monthly project efforts***

- Approximately 10 to 15 hours monthly for project development and implementation as well as external thought leadership activities.

## Stipend

Participating fellows will receive a 12-month stipend of \$24,000 as well as reimbursement for program related travel and lodging expenses.

*Note: Receipt of full stipend is contingent upon fellowship program participation and completion.*

### ***About The Physicians Foundation***

The Physicians Foundation is a nonprofit seeking to advance the work of practicing physicians and help them facilitate the delivery of high-quality health care to patients. As the U.S. health care system continues to evolve, The Physicians Foundation is steadfast in strengthening the physician-patient relationship, supporting medical practices' sustainability and helping physicians navigate the changing health care system. The Physicians Foundation pursues its mission through research, education and innovative grant making that improves physician wellbeing, strengthens physician leadership, addresses social drivers of health and lifts physician perspectives. For more information, visit [www.physiciansfoundation.org](http://www.physiciansfoundation.org).