

Health Services Research Academy

Scholarship Awards for Trainees and Faculty who are Racially/Ethnically Underrepresented in Biomedical Research

OVERVIEW

The Children's Hospital Association **will provide up to three Health Services Research Scholarship Awards** to trainees and faculty from racial and ethnic groups that are historically underrepresented in biomedical research. **These awards are equivalent to the \$12,250 tuition fee** for participation in the 1-year long CHA Health Services Research Academy (at the Tier 3 participation level: [hsra-program-summary.pdf](#) ([childrenshospitals.org](#))). The objective of the **Awards** is to advance health services research led by trainees or faculty from racial and ethnic groups that historically have been underrepresented in research.

BENEFITS

The awardees will receive:

- Assignment of at least three, nationally-recognized mentors in the areas of health services research, health equity research, biostatistics, research design, and/or research administration
- Access to 20 on-line, on-demand learning modules on fundamental principles of health services research
- Virtual meetings with the mentorship team every two weeks to complete a research project in less than 12 months
- Full statistical support as well as access to national databases for health services research

DELIVERABLES

- Presentation of research findings in abstract form at a national meeting
- Submission of research findings for peer-reviewed publication

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements:

- Be a graduate-level (PhD, MD) student, trainee (resident/fellow), postdoctoral researcher, or early/mid career researcher or faculty
- Applicants should be from racial and ethnic groups that have historically been underrepresented in biomedical research. ([Get the Facts | Diversity in Extramural Programs \(nih.gov\)](#))

APPLICATION

Application for the 2025 Award has been extended and is now due November 15, 2024.

Applications must be sent to research@childrenshospitals.org and include the following:

- CV and Letter of Intent that includes:
 - Applicant's name, degree(s), department/division, hospital position, hospital title(s), academic title(s), office phone, email, proposal title, department/division/program chair/chief, project mentor and collaborator(s)/co- investigator(s). For each individual listed on the title page, include the following information: academic title(s) and rank, department/division and role(s) in the project.

- Application
 - An Executive Summary (limited to 1 page) that describes the applicant's clinical and research interests.

- Letters of support
 - from the applicant's Department Chair/Chief stating support of this grant application, for the proposed project, endorsement of the academic skills and accomplishments, commitment of the Department to the project, and committing that the applicant has protected time (specify amount) to attend bimonthly mentorship meetings, conduct the proposed research, and attend selected seminars
 - from the applicant's primary mentor stating support for the applicant's research project

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection committee will assess and review the following **proficiencies in the applicants**:

- **Research interest and potential impact of the research**
- **CV, Letter of Intent, and Project Narrative** (applicant conveys dedication towards health services, demonstrates leadership, engagement in health services peer-review publications/presentations)
- **Recommendation Letters** (support from home institution/organization or other research-related references and a specified amount of sufficient protected time to complete the research project)

KEY DATES

November 15, 2024	Application Deadline
December 3, 2024	Award Notification
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025	Term of Award