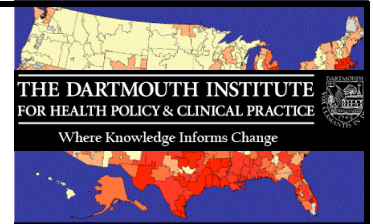




# White River Junction / Dartmouth VA National Quality Scholars Fellowship Program

*Advancing the Science of Health Care Delivery*



**Purpose:** To develop the next generation of leaders in research, teaching and administration working to improve health care quality and outcomes.

**The Program:** The VAQS Fellowship Program, established in 1999, is a two year interdisciplinary program designed to teach physicians the skills to conduct and publish original research, to critically assess the medical literature, and to improve health care delivery. Individual mentoring and a core curriculum are critical components of the program.

Fellows can choose one of two tracks

1. The **Leadership/Quality Improvement Track**, in which fellows will also learn to:
  - Design, lead, and evaluate clinical quality improvement efforts
  - Lead and administer clinical programs and facilities
2. The **Outcomes Research Track**, in which fellows will also learn to:
  - Conduct quantitatively rigorous research on the effectiveness of health care practices
  - Successfully approach grant writing and funding

## Curriculum Components:

- Individualized project and career mentoring
- Masters degree (MS or MPH) at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice
- Weekly research-in-progress conferences
- Biweekly quality curriculum led by national experts
- National meetings
- Flexible clinical opportunities

**Who Can Apply?** Residents, fellows, or physicians in practice in any clinical discipline who will have completed ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship training, are Board Eligible or Board Certified, and have an active, unrestricted U.S. license to practice. Opportunities also exist for surgical residents in training.

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