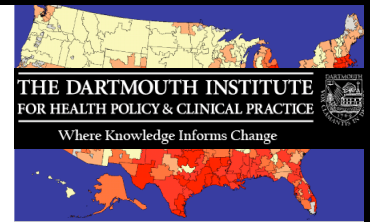




**White River Junction / Dartmouth
VA National Quality Scholars
Fellowship Program**
Advancing the Science of Health Care Delivery



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

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

Fellows, who are free to elect an area of concentration, will receive exceptional training and experience in:

Outcomes Research, learning to:

- Design, conduct, and evaluate research on the effectiveness of health care practices
- Successfully approach grant writing and funding

Leadership/Quality Improvement, learning to:

- Design, lead, and evaluate clinical quality improvement efforts
- Lead and administer clinical programs and facilities

Curriculum Components:

- Individualized project and career mentoring
- Masters degree (MS or MPH) at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (TDI)
- Weekly research-in-progress conferences
- Biweekly curriculum on quality improvement led by national experts
- National meeting attendance and presentations
- 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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