

NMF PRIMARY CARE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Engaging in Primary Care: Medical Leadership, Capacity Building, and Patient Care in Community Health Centers



NMF & Primary Care

60 million American lack access to primary care

National Medical Fellowships

National Medical Fellowships (NMF) was founded in 1946. Today, NMF is the only national organization solely dedicated to providing scholarships and support to medical and health professions students across all minority groups underrepresented in healthcare.

The NMF Primary Care Leadership Program

In 2012, NMF partnered with the GE Foundation to launch the NMF Primary Care Leadership Program (PCLP), in part to address the shortage of primary care providers in the US – including culturally competent care for underserved groups.

To date, 405 unique Scholars have participated in PCLP, representing over 120 healthcare profession programs including **medical schools** and **graduate-level nursing and physician assistant programs**.

The NMF Primary Care Leadership Program (PCLCP)

Mission: To develop a pipeline of future primary care professionals from diverse backgrounds who are committed to serving underrepresented communities and build capacity at partner community health centers (CHCs)

Objectives

- ✓ **Inspire** a cadre of healthcare professionals to serve the underserved
- ✓ **Develop** leadership and management skills
- ✓ **Improve** clinical skills
- ✓ **Build** nationwide mentoring networks
- ✓ **Build capacity** in CHCs through service-learning projects



PCLP Scholars



Eligible students are...

- 1st and 2nd year medical students*
- Graduate-level nursing students
- Graduate-level physician assistant students
- From underrepresented minority groups in medicine, and/or socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds

*Medical students in any year of study may apply. Dual-degree, MS₃, and MS₄ students should contact Scholarships & Programs Associate, Colleen McLellan, regarding scheduling: cmclellan@nmfonline.org

Scholars join a network of over 18,000 verified NMF alumni

PCLP Cities & Dates

Site Partner Cities	2019 Dates	Special Topics
Boston, MA and Gateway Cities: Chelsea, Lynn, Salem	June 3 – July 12	Substances use disorder treatment, behavioral health, and the opioid crisis
Chicago, IL	June 10 – July 19	Culturally competent care for communities at risk of or living with HIV/AIDS
Houston, TX	June 10 – July 19	Culturally competent care for communities at risk of or living with HIV/AIDS
Los Angeles, CA	June 17 – July 26	Generalized primary care in CHC setting

- **Additional cities may be added**

Applicants who grew up in or near a site city, or are currently enrolled in a school in the area, may be given preference for placement

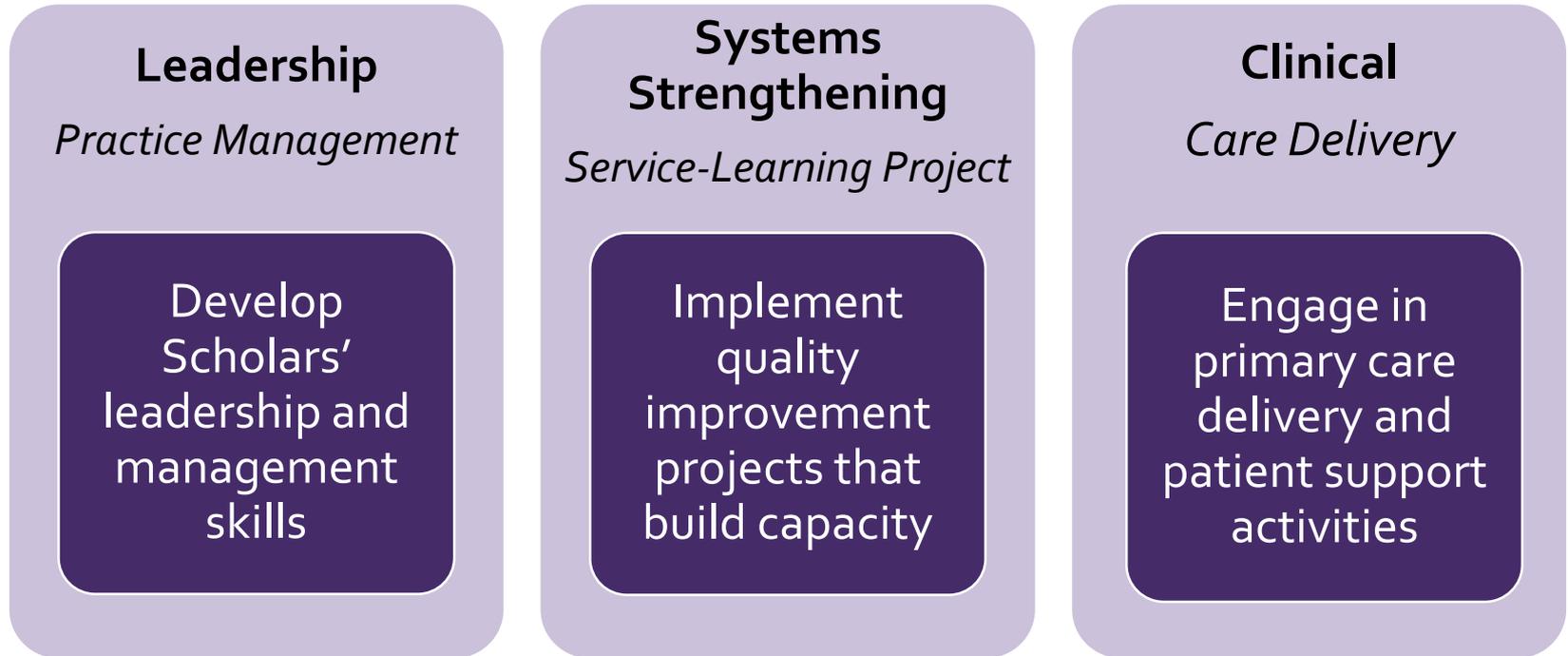
PCLP Scholar Experience

- PCLP provides a \$5,000 scholarship stipend to cover travel, lodging, and living expenses*
 - First deposit (\$4,000) provided after on-boarding paperwork submitted
 - Final deposit (\$1,000) provided after program deliverables and surveys submitted
- Scholars are assigned their city and clinical Site Partner in letter of acceptance
- Each Site Partner designates a project for groups of two or three PCLP Scholars to conduct together
- Program coordinates orientation and other events, and encourages Scholars to organize opportunities to socialize outside of program hours

**Please note: NMF does not coordinate travel or lodging for Scholars*



PCLP Components



- Scholars typically on-site during business hours (i.e. M-F, 9-5)
- Online course management via Canvas
- Staff support by email, phone throughout
- Various events (Learning Days, etc.) during program period

Benefits to Scholars



- Leadership and collaboration development
- Understanding social determinants of health
 - Includes cohort-specific issues, e.g. substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, HIV/AIDS care
- Opportunities for community engagement
- Increased proficiency in clinical care
- Exposure to important non-clinical aspects of medicine and community health
- Mentorship by distinguished professionals from across the care delivery spectrum
- Access to NMF's network of over 18,000 Alumni

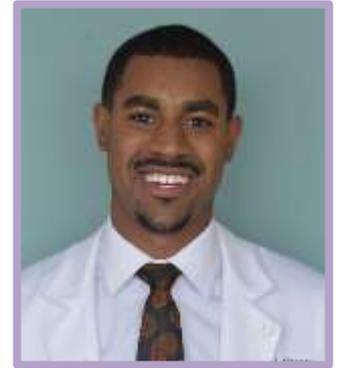
In Their Own Words

Over 83% of PCLP Scholars who have graduated are choosing primary care residency or practice

“My experience shadowing various healthcare providers at AltaMed has further ignited my passion to pursue a career in primary care. This summer I have gained a better understanding of medicine in a clinical setting.”

- Kadar Vannoy

Medical Student at Meharry Medical College, Nashville TN
2018 PCLP Scholar, AltaMed Health Services Corporation, Los Angeles CA



“PCLP strengthened my passion for primary care and chronic disease management. All the skills I learned through PCLP will help me overcome any challenge that might lie ahead in my path of becoming a health professional for the medically underserved.”

- Miriam Ramos Rodriguez

Medical Student at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles CA
2018 PCLP Scholar, Watts Healthcare, Los Angeles CA

Applicant Calendar

Action	Date
PCLP application deadline	March 13, 2019 at 11:59 PM local
Applicants notified of acceptance, wait list, and non-acceptance*	Late March, early April 2019
Deadline for accepting PCLP award	Two weeks after offer made
Pre-program orientation and webinars, including assignment/deadline notifications	April – May, 2019
On-site program placement	June 3 – July 12, 2019 (MA sites) June 10 – July 19, 2019 (IL, TX sites) June 17 – July 26, 2019 (CA sites)
Post-program deliverables	July – August, 2019

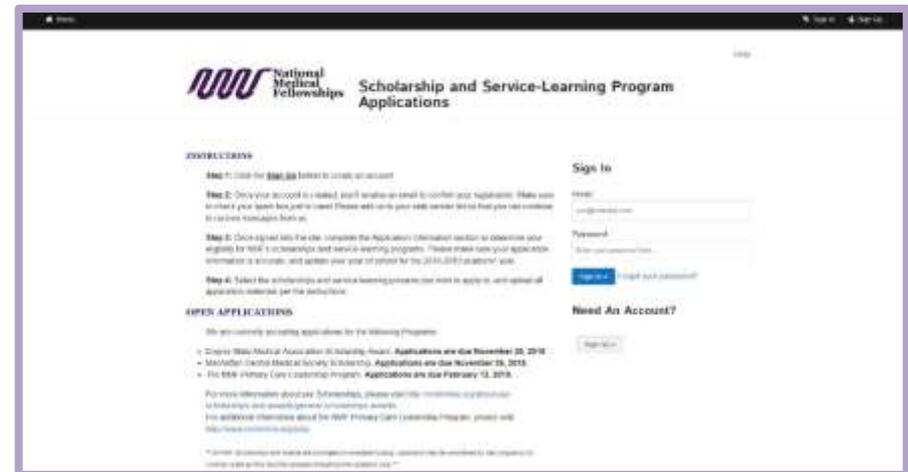
**Please note that acceptance letters include the Scholar's assigned CHC Site Partner*

If additional PCLP cities become available, applicants will be permitted to update their preferences on FluidReview.

Applying to PCLP

The deadline to apply is **February 13, 2019**

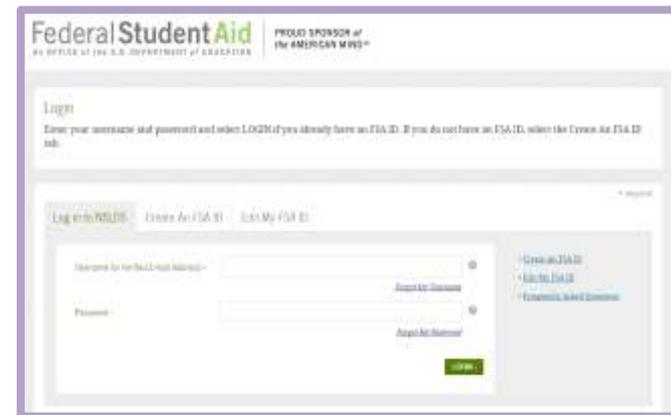
- Start your application at www.nmf.fluidreview.com
- Application includes:
 - Loan and financial aid documentation
 - Academic documentation
 - Proof of US Citizenship or DACA approval*
 - Three brief personal statements
 - Two Letters of Recommendation



*DACA status must be valid through the end of the PCLP program.

PCLP Application Tips

- Student Aid Report (SAR) from US Department of Education is available from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) portal
- Documentation of loan history from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) may not appear as a PDF. You may select “Save as PDF” from print menu instead



PCLP Application Tips

- An Official Letter of Financial Aid Award Offer should be available from your current Office of Financial Aid
 - May be available via student portal; if not, may be requested from Financial Aid officer
- Current academic transcript is required
 - Unofficial transcript is acceptable
 - Transcript from previous academic year or most recent program is acceptable, if current version is incomplete

If you have questions or concerns, email pclpinfo@nmfonline.org

PCLP Application Tips

- Proof of US Citizenship accepted via:
 - US birth certificate
 - Current US passport
 - USCIS Certificate of Naturalization
 - Voter's registration card accompanied by photo ID
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) status accepted via DACA approval letter
 - Status must remain current through end of PCLP session

Additional application components, like a CV, biography, and personal statements, are described at www.nmf.fluidreview.com.

Application FAQs

Accepted Scholar notification takes place in **March 2019**

- **How are accepted Scholars matched with a CHC?**
 - Factors include applicant preference, academic interest, local services (i.e., childcare), and availability during the program period.
- **What are my weekly hours for PCLP?**
 - Most PCLP Site Partners operate on a business schedule, i.e. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on weekdays, but this may vary by site.
- **What is my day-to-day going to be like on site?**
 - This varies among PCLP sites, but we provide Peer Mentors from past PCLP Scholar cohorts to help describe each experience.
- **May I miss a few days of the program?**
 - No. PCLP spans only six weeks, and Scholars may not miss time on site.

Application FAQs

- **May I submit my undergraduate unofficial transcript?**
 - Yes. First-year students may submit their most recent complete unofficial transcript.
- **I'm not familiar with leadership at my new school. May I request a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) from someone else?**
 - Yes. A Letter of Recommendation from academic leadership at a prior institution is acceptable.
- **My Letter of Recommendation writer needs extra time. Is that all right?**
 - Yes. LOR writers may have up to two additional weeks to submit their materials via FluidReview.

Thank you!

We look forward to reviewing your application!

If you have any questions or concerns about PCLP, the online application, or NMF programs, contact Colleen McLellan, NMF Scholarships & Programs Associate:

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