

2023

The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship

A Distinguished Postgraduate Fellowship in Health Policy
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THE DAVID A. WINSTON HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship commemorates the contributions and personal qualities of David A. Winston who, for 20 years, played a significant role in shaping American health policy. Perhaps no one individual had a stronger influence on the issues that fueled the healthcare revolution of the 1980s than he did. Mr. Winston served as a bridge between the public sector, which he knew well from long experience serving in government, and the private sector, whose contribution to healthcare he deeply believed. He moved comfortably and skillfully in either world. His advice and counsel were sought and accepted by leaders in both sectors. His knowledge and integrity earned him the respect and trust of the healthcare community.

Mr. Winston began his career as a health policy advisor to the California State Legislature. After later serving as Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Health, he joined the faculty of the University of Southern California School of Medicine performing health policy research and analysis. He came to Washington, DC in 1977 to serve as Minority Staff Director of the Senate Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research and ultimately for the full Committee on Labor and Human Resources. In 1980, Mr. Winston was an important contributor to President Reagan's transition strategy and to sharpening the Department of Health and Human Services under Secretary Richard Schweiker. He remained a consultant to the White House and DHHS and was particularly influential in shaping the Administration's position on deregulation and competition in the health sector. Mr. Winston moved to the private sector in 1981 focusing his energies on organizing and demonstrating that it could effectively communicate with and positively impact the federal policy making process. He served as president of the National Committee for Quality Health Care. At the time of his death in 1986, Mr. Winston was Senior Corporate Vice President and Head of the Washington office of Voluntary Hospitals of America.

“He was able to blend a very unique knowledge of health care issues in both the public and private sectors.”

~ Richard S. Schweiker, Former Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services

“David was the kind of person who made a tremendous contribution by working largely behind the scenes, but those who knew him were keenly aware of his central role.”

~ Ronald Reagan, 40th United States President

FELLOWSHIP OBJECTIVES

The objective of the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is to provide a unique opportunity for students of health policy and administration to learn about the political system through direct exposure to the role of public and private sectors in health policy development. The Fellowship embodies Mr. Winston's commitment to the public-private partnership necessary for a quality, market-oriented healthcare system that services the public need.

The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is a twelve-month postgraduate program in Washington, DC. The first portion of the year is a planned rotation of at least two months during which the Fellows will have appointments to interact with many key public and private sector leaders in healthcare. During the remaining months, the Fellows will work full-time on Capitol Hill or the Executive Branch with the guidance of the Winston Board of Directors, which is comprised of key policymakers in the healthcare industry.

This Program gives the Fellows the advantage of the Board's experience and political access, as well as an opportunity for personal initiative and exploration of specific healthcare issues.

“He blended his graciousness and his superior knowledge of health policy with an intense dedication to integrity.”

~ Otis R. Bowen, MD



2019-2020 Fellows

Jack DiMatteo (left) Alexander Urry (right)

THE PROGRAM

The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is a unique opportunity that includes systematic exposure to organizations, associations, and coalitions in the private sector, as well as policy development centers in Congress and the Administration. It includes unparalleled access to Washington policy-makers and firsthand experience in the daily workings of Congress and the Executive Branch in healthcare.

The Winston Staff and Board of Directors will work with the Fellows to plan orientation visits to key policy development centers during the first two months of the Fellowship to secure a full-time placement in Congress or Administration offices that allows them to gain first-hand experience in policymaking and explore current issues in depth.



2016 Winston Fellows
Olivia Pham (left) and Kripa Sreepada (right)

“The Winston Fellowship has expanded my grasp of the legislative process and critical health policy issues. I am immensely grateful for the relationships and competencies I’ve gained through the Fellowship experience and am eager to progress as a productive health policy professional.”

- Lauren Battle,
2021 Winston Fellow

“The Winston Fellowship has provided me with invaluable experiences that will serve as a building block for a career in health policy. I am so grateful for the opportunities to learn about the legislative process from experts and the mentorship and networking opportunities that I have been able to experience as a Winston Fellow which have been a catalyst to my career.”

~ Nadia Laniyan,
2021 Winston Fellow

ELIGIBILITY

The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is open to students graduating in the 2022-2023 academic year with a minimum of a master's degree in any discipline, field, or profession. The Fellowship is open to graduate students in any program, school, or department of any accredited college or university.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application materials should be submitted directly to the Winston Fellowship by the applicant via the website (www.winstonfellowship.org) no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on **October 17, 2022**. There is no limit to the number of individuals that may apply from a single program. The application requires the following:

- A current resume.
- A statement of interest that details the applicant's motivation for a career in health policy, a description of what the applicant hopes to gain from the Fellowship, and how the applicant's experiences and education will complement the Fellowship. The statement should not exceed 1,200 words.
- Three letters of recommendation, one from a current faculty member, one from a current or former supervisor, employer, or preceptor, and one from an individual who is knowledgeable about the applicant's academic and/or leadership experience.
- Academic transcripts (both undergraduate and graduate). Transcripts may be photocopies and need not be sent through the university. Online grade reports will not be accepted unless sent directly from the registrar. A key to interpret coding on transcripts must accompany transcripts that do not use the A-F grading format.
- A narrative synopsis of the applicant's community involvement, including past and current extracurricular and volunteer activities in the community and on campus. The synopsis should not exceed 1,200 words.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be screened for completeness then forwarded to the Board Fellowship Committee. This Committee and the Board of Directors will review the applications and narrow the field of applicants for the in-person interviews. The Fellowship Committee will then invite the final nominees to Washington, DC for interviews with the Board of Directors on a specific date in January 2023. Interviews will only be conducted on this date and Fellow selections will be made by the Board, and the selected Fellows are typically notified by the end of that day.

The Committee and the Board are particularly interested in:

- Evidence of interest in a career to which domestic health policy experience will contribute
- An academic record which reflects breadth and scholarship excellence
- Evidence of resourcefulness and self-reliance
- Evidence of leadership skills and experience
- Evidence of community involvement
- Evidence of maturity and judgment

“To my knowledge, there is no other avenue that so fully immerses a post-graduate in the world of U.S. health policy. The experience is wholly unique, and it has taken me on a life path that I could not have conceived earlier, and probably would not have pursued, if it weren’t so generously presented to me. For anyone that is interested in entering the exciting and intellectually stimulating world of national health policy, and positively changing their professional lives in the process, this Fellowship offers opportunities that are relatively endless.”

~ Jason D. Ormsby, 1999

Winston Fellow, Chief Healthcare Officer at
Aptive Resources

STIPENDS AND EXPENSES

A salary as well as benefits are administered to the Fellows by the Fellowship’s professional staff. The Fellowship salary is taxable as regular income. A medical and vision benefits program is also provided. The Fellowship provides up to \$2,500 for approved travel expenses incurred during Fellow’s required relocation to Washington, DC. A budget is provided for the Fellow to travel to conferences and meetings. All other expenses are the responsibility of the Fellow.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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“The Winston Fellowship provided me with an invaluable and unique opportunity to understand the nature of health policy development and implementation from the perspective of a diverse group of national health policy leaders. I am not aware of any other fellowship that provides such a rich and varied experience.”

- Roslyne (Weiner) Schulman, 1989
Winston Fellow, Director at the American Hospital Association

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David A. Winston Health Policy Fellows

Current Fellows

Samantha Burkhart, MPH
Boston University

Allison Crha, MPH
Harvard University

2021

Lauren Battle, MPH
Columbia University
Nadia Laniyan, MS
Northwestern University

2020

Janhavi Dubhashi, MPH
Georgia State University
Jessica Hale, MSPH
Johns Hopkins University

2019

Jack DiMatteo, MPH
University of Virginia
Alexander Urry, MPH
Yale University

2018

Garrett Devenney, MPH
Drexel University
Kristen Lunde, MPH
University of Michigan

2017

Michael Budros, MPH
University of Michigan
Rachel Dolin, Ph.D
University of North Carolina

2016

Olivia Pham, MSHP
University of North Carolina
Kripa Sreepada, MHA
Cornell University

2015

Adrianna McIntyre, MPP
University of Michigan
Lydia Orth, MPH
The George Washington
University

2014

Leif H. Brierley, MPH
Boston University
KT Kramer, JD, MHA
Tulane University

2013

Anne Dwyer, JD, MPH
University of Minnesota
Colin Goldfinch, MPH, MHA
University of Washington-Seattle

2012

Elizabeth Karan, JD, MPH
University of Minnesota
Yajuan Lu, JD
St. Louis University

Swarna Valurupalli, JD, MPH-HP
University of Pittsburgh

2011

Miraya Jun, MSPH
Johns Hopkins University
Jennifer Schmitzer, MPH
Yale University

2010

Erin Richardson, MA, JD
Columbia University
Catherine Oakar, MPH
University of Michigan

2009

John Barkett, MBA
University of Pennsylvania
Devon Trolley, MHA
Pennsylvania State University

2008

Andrew Roszak, JD, MPA
Southern Illinois University
Kelly Whitener, MPH
University of California-LA

David A. Winston Health Policy Fellows

2007

Elizabeth Lee, MPA
New York University
Tanchica Terry, MPH, MA
St. Louis University

2006

John Rigg, MPA, MHA
University of Washington-Seattle
Martin Sobel, MPA
New York University

2005

Mayra Alvarez, MHA
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

2004

Katie (Baker) Starkey, MS
Pennsylvania State University
Rachel Nuzum, MPH
University of Southern Florida

2003

Diana Birkett Rakow, MPH, MPA
University of Washington - Seattle
Chad Shearer, JD, MHA
University of Iowa

2002

Meghan Taira, MPH
Yale University

2001

Rochelle Archuleta, MBS, MHSA
University of Alabama - Birmingham

2000

Sybil Richard, RPH, MHA, JD
Indiana University

1999

Jason Ormsby, PhD, MBA, MHSA
Arizona State University

1998

Deborah (Veres) Mizeur, MHA
University of Washington Seattle

1997

Suzanne Yurk, JD, MPH
Johns Hopkins University

1996

Anna Fallieras, MPH
Johns Hopkins University

1995

Kara (Morgan) Adams, MSPH
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

1994

Douglas Knoop, MD
University of Kentucky

1993

Brad Hansen, MA
University of Iowa

1992

Rosann Geiser, MHA
Xavier University

1991

John Meurer, MD, MM
Northwestern University

1990

Cristina Bethell, PhD, MBA, MPH
University of California- Berkeley

1989

Roslyne Weiner Schulman, MHA
University of Pittsburgh

1988

Jereen (Mackesy) Gilbert, MM
Northwestern University