

The goal of the HRSA T32 [Primary care Investigators Training in Chronic disease & Health disparities \(PITCH\) Fellowship](#) is to train the next generation of primary care clinical investigators to improve health outcomes and care delivery for patients with chronic diseases from underserved backgrounds.

The PITCH Fellowship will recruit and train about 4 fellows from diverse backgrounds each year. Research projects will be aimed primarily at transforming the health care system through value-based care delivery and quality improvement initiatives, as well as improving mental health access and care, ending the crisis of opioid use disorder and overdose in America, and ending the HIV epidemic.

Fellows will attain the core competencies for health services research and formal education addressing responsible conduct of research, oral and written presentation, manuscript and grant writing, leadership skills, and project management. Fellows will be offered the opportunity to complete a [Master of Science for Clinical Professionals](#), in addition to receiving dedicated, aligned mentorship with at least biweekly meetings and quarterly mentorship reviews. Through these activities, our fellows will become experts in the key principles of primary care research affecting vulnerable populations, the communication of their findings, leveraging policy to improve equity, and gain the fundamental skills that are required for rigorous academic research careers.

Eligibility:

All primary care clinicians with a commitment to a clinical investigator career will be considered for this two-year fellowship. Priority will be given to physician candidates from the specialties of internal medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics, and infectious disease (HIV) and/or those from underrepresented backgrounds. For those individuals pursuing ID/HIV or geriatrics, acceptance into the PITCH fellowship and the clinical fellowships can be coordinated.

Applicants must be board-eligible or board-certified in internal medicine and/or pediatrics and eligible for licensure in the state of IL by July 1 of their first fellowship year. In addition, due to federal regulations based on our funding, applicants are required to be U.S. citizens or have permanent U.S. residence status at the time of the application.

Application Process:

Applicants must complete online application found here: [PITCH APPLICATION](#)

To complete the application, you will need the following:

- 1) Updated CV (.pdf file format preferred)
- 2) Personal Statement (One single spaced page max, .pdf file format preferred)
 - The personal statement should explain why you are interested in this fellowship, your area of research, name potential mentors, and describe your long-term goals including the position you think you would want after completing the fellowship. The Fellowship has a particular interest in recruiting fellow from diverse backgrounds, so please also include information about your personal background.
- 3) Names of three Letter of Recommendation writers to confirm that they will submit their letter of recommendation by 8/15/23 to mealey@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu
 - At least one your letter writers must be your residency/PhD program director. If you have already completed your program, the letter from your program director should include a statement that you have successfully completed the program.

Important dates:

Call for Applications: 4/3/2023-9/8/2023

Informational Meeting: 4/3/2023-9/8/2023

Application Deadline: 9/8/2023

Invitation to Interview: 6/16/2023-9/15/2023

Applicant Interviews: 7/17/2023-9/29/2023

Notification of Acceptance: 10/6/2023

Deadline for Acceptance: 10/20/2023

Fellowship start date: 7/1/2024

To apply or if you have questions, please contact Morgan Ealey (Administrative Director) at mealey@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu, Neda Laiteerapong, MD, MS (Program Director) at nlaiteer@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu, and/or Elbert Huang, MD, MPH (Co-Director) at (ehuang@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu).