

Health Services Research Academy

Scholar Awards for Health Equity Research

OVERVIEW

The Children's Hospital Association **will provide up to three Health Services Research Academy Scholar Awards** to trainees and faculty focusing on health equity research. **These awards are equivalent to the \$12,250 tuition fee** for participation in the 1-year long CHA Health Services Research Academy at the Tier 3 participation level ([Link](#)). The objectives of the **HSR Academy Scholar Awards** are to advance health services research that is focused on health equity and to provide health equity research project mentorship for trainees or faculty. The HSR Academy Scholar Awards are open to trainee and faculty applicants of all backgrounds. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to their race, color, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, military or veteran status, disability or any other classification protected by law.

BENEFITS

The awardees will receive:

- Assignment of at least three nationally recognized mentors in the areas of health services research, health equity research, biostatistics, research design, and/or research administration
- Access to 20 on-line, on-demand learning modules on fundamental principles of health services research
- Virtual meetings with the mentorship team every two weeks to complete a research project in less than 12 months
- Full statistical support as well as access to national databases for health services research

DELIVERABLES

- Presentation of research findings in abstract form at a national meeting
- Submission of research findings for peer-reviewed publication

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements:

- Be a graduate-level (PhD, MD) student, trainee (resident/fellow), postdoctoral researcher, or early/mid career researcher or faculty

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APPLICATION

The application deadline for the 2026 HSR Scholar Academy Award is November 14, 2025.

Applications must be sent to research@childrenshospitals.org and include the following:

- CV and Letter of Intent that includes:
 - Applicant's name, degree(s), department/division, hospital position, hospital title(s), academic title(s), office phone, email, proposal title, department/division/program chair/chief, project mentor and collaborator(s)/co-investigator(s). For each individual listed on the title page, include the following information: academic title(s) and rank, department/division and role(s) in the project.
- Application
 - An Executive Summary (limited to 1 page) that describes the applicant's clinical and research interests.
- Letters of support
 - from the applicant's Department Chair/Chief stating support of this grant application, for the proposed project, endorsement of the academic skills and accomplishments, commitment of the Department to the project, and committing that the applicant has protected time (specify amount) to attend bimonthly mentorship meetings, conduct the proposed research, and attend selected seminars
 - from the applicant's primary mentor stating support for the applicant's research project

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection committee will assess and review the following **proficiencies in the applicants**:

- **Research interest and potential impact of the research**
- **CV, Letter of Intent, and Project Narrative** (applicant conveys dedication towards health services, demonstrates leadership, engagement in health services peer-review publications/presentations)
- **Recommendation Letters** (support from home institution/organization or other research-related references and a specified amount of sufficient protected time to complete the research project)

KEY DATES

November 14, 2025	Application Deadline
December 3, 2025	Award Notification
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026	Term of Award