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Applied Implementation Science Fellowship Program

Informational Webinar: January 28, 2026



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Housekeeping Announcements



- Please note this webinar is being **recorded** and will be posted on AcademyHealth website



- Attendee microphones are **muted** and unavailable during the webinar



- Questions can be submitted via the **Q&A portal** on Zoom



Fellowship Program: Overview & Purpose



The Evidence-to-Practice Gap

Evidence takes an average of **17 years** to be widely adopted in clinical practices



...and fewer than 20% of effective interventions make it that far



Applied IS Fellowship

An AcademyHealth initiative supported by Amgen designed to train researchers in implementation science to **accelerate** translation of evidence into everyday care.

How will the fellowship make a difference?

Build
Relationships &
Implementation
Science Experience

Build
Embedded
Researcher Capacity

Spur Implementation
Science
Uptake



Program At A Glance

Program Goal

Enhance methodological and analytic skills to increase the capacity of the applied implementation science workforce



**Advanced training and
1:1 expert mentorship**



**Professional development and
visibility at AcademyHealth
webinars and conferences**



**AcademyHealth
Membership**



**Learning Community to
enhance knowledge
development and peer
exchange**



Therapeutic Areas of Focus

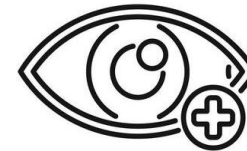
Fellows will complete an implementation science research project focused on one of four therapeutic areas.



Bone Health
(i.e., osteoporosis)



Severe Uncontrolled
Asthma (w/ or w/o
associated COPD)



Thyroid Eye
Disease

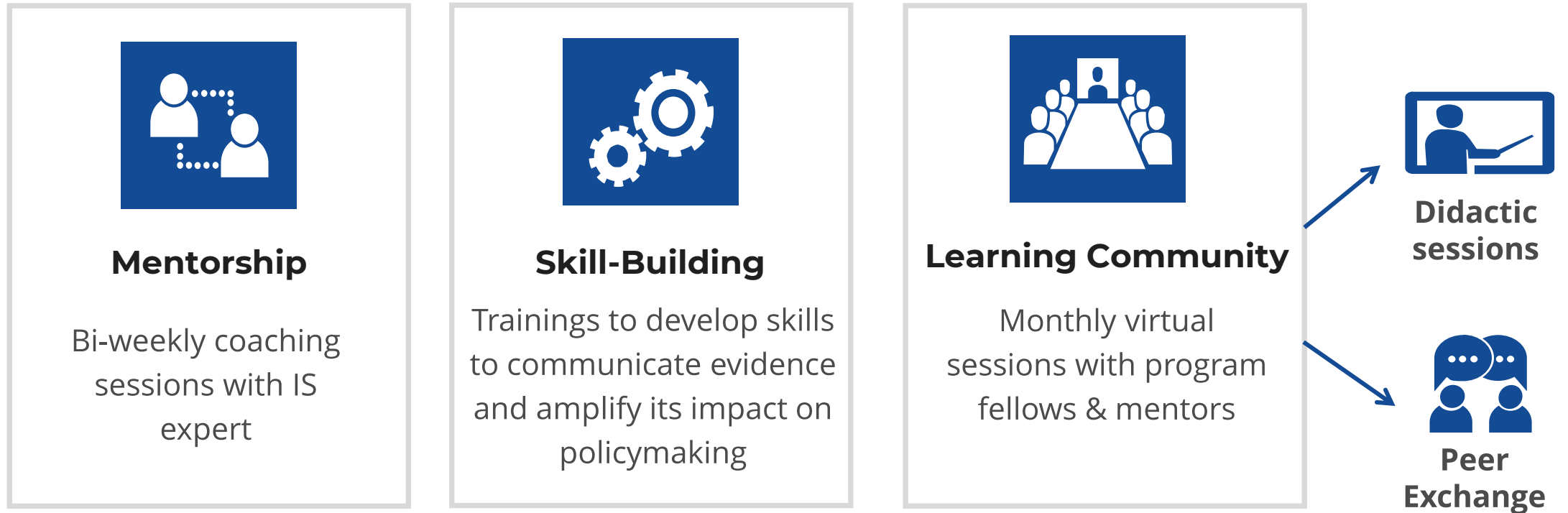


IgG4-related
conditions



Advanced IS Training & Professional Development

Fellows will build foundational IS knowledge, translate methodology into practice, and build capacity to heighten real-world impact of evidence.





Fellow Role: Eligibility & Application Expectations

Fellow Requirements



Advanced degree in relevant health or health services research field (e.g., MD, DO, PharmD, PhD, ScD, DrPH)



Early- to mid-career professionals with **up to 10 years** of professional experience after completing training



Based and legally authorized to work in the **United States** for the duration of the program



Currently employed by and **embedded in a health care delivery system** in a permanent position and able to allocate **at least 1 day a week** toward fellowship



Demonstrated experience or interest in one of the four therapeutic areas (i.e., prior projects or coursework)



Fellow Application Key Components

1

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Include project aims, IS gap and theory/framework, description of intervention, implementation strategies, data sources

2

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Address program interest, preparation and qualifications, and learning objectives

3

HIGH-LEVEL BUDGET

Budget with justification (*Note: Indirect costs come from total award, limited up to 10%*)

4

CURRENT NIH BIOSKETCH

Biosketches for all key personnel

5

ANALYTIC WRITING SAMPLE

One sample with sole or lead authorship

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2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Submitted by referees, one from leadership affirming protection of applicant's time and provision of necessary resources throughout fellowship





Mentor Role: Eligibility & Application

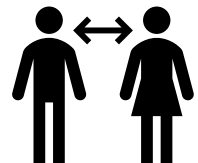
Mentor Requirements



Advanced degree (Master's, Doctoral, etc.) in relevant health or health services research field with **>10 years** post-terminal degree experience



Expertise in **implementation science** (therapeutic expertise a bonus, not required)



Prior mentor experience and ability to fulfill all mentor requirements for the **two-year fellowship period**



Based and legally authorized to work in the **United States** for the duration of the program



Mentor Application Key Components

- **Current NIH Biosketech**
- Description of experience **detailing expertise in IS** (<500 words)
- Description of experience detailing **relevant experience in clinical area of focus** (<500 words)
- Statement of interest detailing **prior mentorship experience**, interest in serving as a mentor for this program, and **experience with capacity building** (<1000 words)

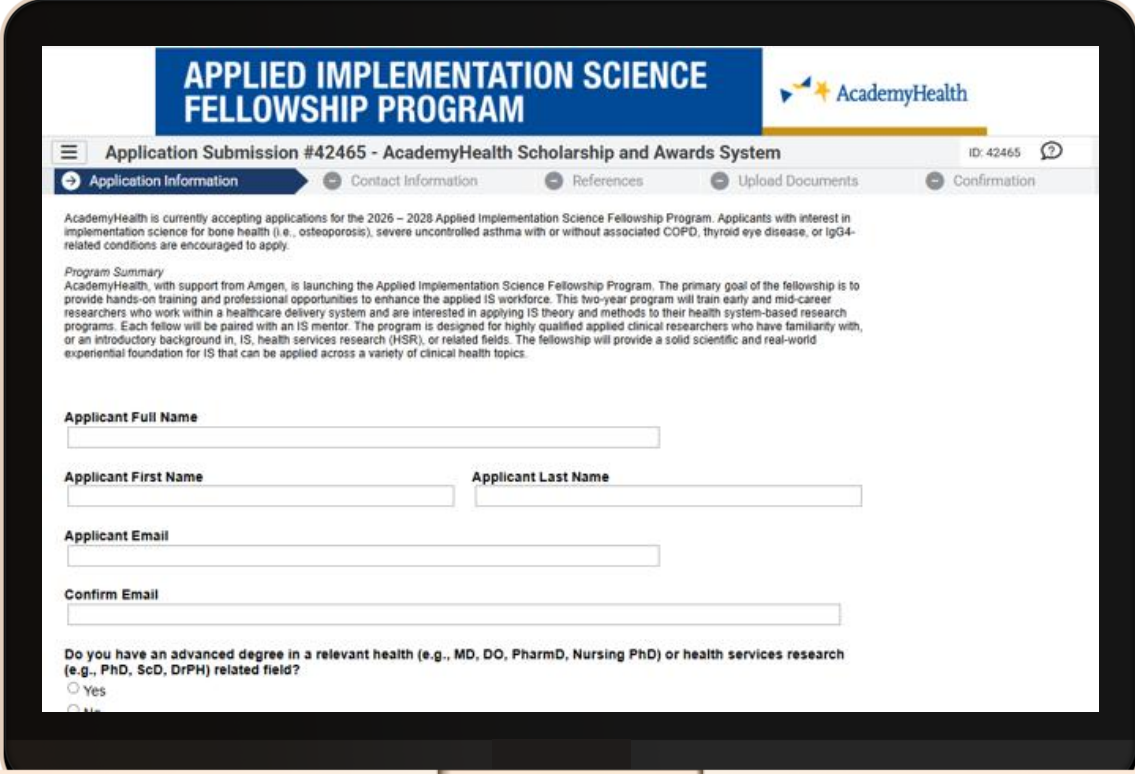




Application & Selection Process

Application Submission Details

- **Deadline:** Fellow and Mentor applications must be submitted via the application portal by **February 13, 2026, at 5:00pm ET.**
- **Biosketches:** Submit for all key personnel. Combine into one document with the fellow's biosketch at the top, then upload. (Old format or new format prepared in SciENCv system permitted).
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Referees upload letters directly via a link they receive after the applicant identifies and submits the referees' names & contact information.



The screenshot shows a web application interface for the 'APPLIED IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM' on the AcademyHealth platform. The page title is 'Application Submission #42465 - AcademyHealth Scholarship and Awards System'. The navigation menu includes 'Application Information', 'Contact Information', 'References', 'Upload Documents', and 'Confirmation'. The main content area contains a program summary and a form with the following fields:

- Applicant Full Name
- Applicant First Name
- Applicant Last Name
- Applicant Email
- Confirm Email

At the bottom, there is a question: 'Do you have an advanced degree in a relevant health (e.g., MD, DO, PharmD, Nursing PhD) or health services research (e.g., PhD, ScD, DrPH) related field?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'.

Fellow Application Guidance

Proposal Formatting

- *Proposals should be no more than six pages (excluding references)*
- *To promote general readability, we recommend using no less than 10-point font and 1-inch margins for the proposal*

Budget

- *A sample budget template is included in the application system*
- *No separate budget allocation is needed for the mentor; mentor stipends are not paid from the Fellow's project budget*

Budget Justification

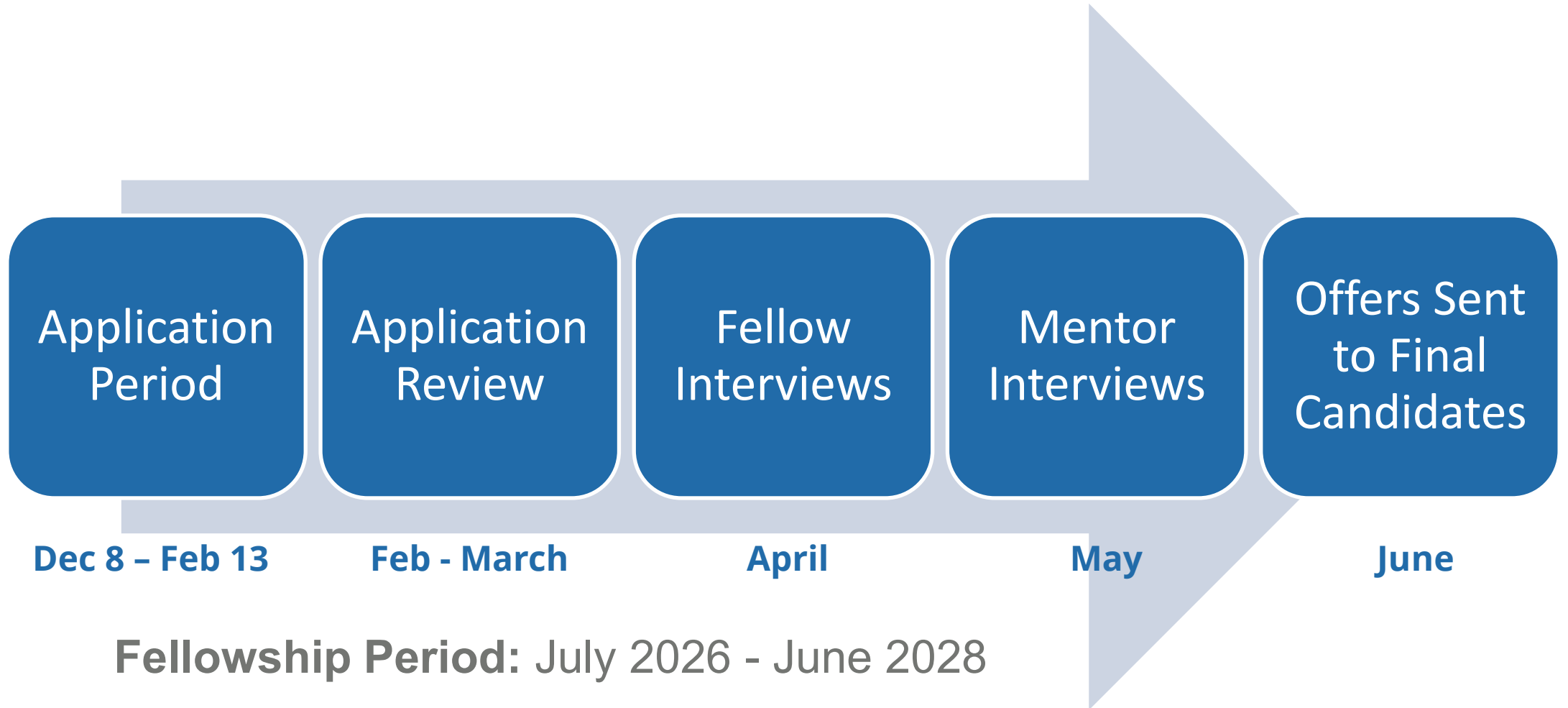
- *There is no required template for the budget justification*
- *Recommend the following categories: personnel, other direct costs (e.g., travel, supplies/equipment), and indirect costs*

Analytic Writing Sample

- *Samples should be no more than 10 pages*
- *May include an appendix with tables/figures if needed (will not count toward page limit)*



Selection Process & Timeline





Frequently Asked Questions

Clarifying Program Stipends

Fellows

\$150,000/year stipend

Stipend supports:

- Fellow salary
- Select programmatic costs
- Research project costs

Can be used to cover salaries for personnel other than fellow **if** the fellow can still meet other requirements and commit to the level of effort guideline (at least 1 day a week).

Mentors

\$25,000/year stipend

Paid ***directly to mentor as a consulting fee***, following same disbursement process as an honorarium.

- *Applicants are responsible for determining how this process aligns with their home institution's policies.*

Complimentary registration at AH conferences and travel support



Frequently Asked Questions

When reviewing fellow applications, does the program prioritize IS experience over therapeutic area expertise?

- The fellowship is intended to provide training in IS, not training to achieve expertise in the therapeutic areas.
- Applicants should demonstrate that they:
 - Would benefit from obtaining training in IS, **and**
 - Have the needed expertise in the relevant therapeutic area or access to expertise & mentorship in that area

If my previous research is not on priority topics, would I still be eligible to apply?

- Successful applicants will have **demonstrated research interest** in one of the therapeutic priority topic areas.
- Applicants should describe their **history of prior research or engagement** with the clinical topic of interest (e.g., prior projects or coursework).



Frequently Asked Questions

Is this to support new projects or to support current implementation science projects?

- Proposed projects can complement existing, ongoing work or can be fully new.
- If complementing an existing study, application should clearly explain how your proposed work **differs from** and **adds value beyond the research already being conducted** (e.g., new aim; additional methods and analyses, etc.).

Is having current NIH funding permitted?

- Current NIH funding **does not disqualify applicants** from the program, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.
- K award holders applying as a fellow must ensure they can fulfill the minimum effort requirements of both programs.
- In some cases, the training component of this fellowship may complement and serve as part of the training proposed in a K award.
- Fellow project can complement other funded work **but must be clearly distinguishable** in some way (e.g., new aim, additional methods/analyses, etc.)
- An applicant cannot use this fellowship's funding simply to support the exact same research already funded by NIH or another entity.



Frequently Asked Questions

What are considerations for federal employees looking to apply as fellow or mentor?

- The program is open to full-time federal employees provided all mentor/fellow eligibility requirements are met (note fellow application requirement of employer letters of support)

Are postdocs with less than 3 years of experience eligible to apply?

- Program considers “early- to mid-career” broadly (generally up to ~10 years after completing training) and does not enforce a strict cutoff; you may include a brief statement explaining your career stage.
- However, applicants must have a permanent (non-training) position. Time-limited postdoctoral appointments do not qualify.

What is the level of experience that distinguishes a potential fellow from a mentor?

- Fellows should be someone needing training in IS whereas a mentor should already have expertise in IS.
- Fellows are expected to be early-to-mid career, whereas mentors will typically have over 10 years of professional experience.



Frequently Asked Questions

Will there be future cohorts of the program?

- At this time, we are unable to confirm whether there will be a future iteration of this program with additional cohorts.

The fellowship is two years - if selected, do I have to reapply to mentor for the second year of the program?

- No. Applicants are selected to serve as mentors for the two-year duration of the program.

Can I apply to be a mentor for only one year?

- No. We ask that applicants commit to serving as mentor for the duration of the two-year program to ensure consistency, continuity, and a high-quality training experience for fellows.





Questions?



Contact Information

Additional questions following this webinar can be directed to
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