

Applied Implementation Science Fellowship Program ***Mentor Application*** Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

I currently reside outside of the US. Am I eligible to apply? Mentors must be based in the United States and legally authorized to work in the U.S. for the duration of the fellowship program.

I have expertise in implementation science, but do not have professional experience with the four noted clinical areas. Am I eligible to apply? Yes. While experience in one of the four noted clinical areas (osteoporosis, asthma, thyroid eye disease, and IgG4-related conditions) is preferred, it is not required.

Eligibility criteria state an advanced degree is required. Am I eligible to apply if I hold a Master's degree? Applicants must hold 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, or demonstrate comparable expertise through professional experience, with more than 10 years of post-terminal degree experience.

Are there age restrictions? Applicants must be 18 years or older to apply.

I am currently a federal employee, am I still eligible to apply? The program is open to full-time federal employees provided all mentor eligibility requirements are met.

Application Requirements

What materials do I need to submit with my application? All applicants must submit the following materials:

- Current NIH biosketch (old format or new format)
- Description of experience (no longer than 500 words) detailing expertise in implementation science
- Optional: description of experience (no longer than 500 words) detailing relevant experience in one of the four noted clinical areas of focus
- Statement of interest (no longer than 1,000 words) detailing the applicant's prior experience as a mentor, interest in serving as a mentor for this fellowship program, and experience with capacity building

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How will my application be evaluated? Applications will be reviewed on a rating scale from 1 (Excellent) to 5 (Poor) to with respect to the following criteria:

- Implementation Science (IS) Qualifications and Experience
- Commitment and Program Fit

Additional details about application material requirements can be found in the [call for applications](#).

Application Process

When does the application open and close? Applications opened on December 8, 2025, and will close at 5:00 PM ET on February 13, 2026.

Is there a rolling deadline or single deadline? A single deadline. Complete applications with all required supporting materials must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on February 13, 2026.

Can I save and return to complete my application later? Yes.

Is there an application fee? No, there is no application fee.

What if I experience technical issues while completing my application? If you experience technical issues with your application, please contact Confex utilizing one of the following methods:

- Click the link within your application page to report a technical issue with Confex; or
- Email academyhealth@confex.com; or
- Call 1 (401) 334-0220 between the hours of 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET, Monday – Friday.

Who can I contact with application questions? Please contact ISFellowship@academyhealth.org for non-technical questions related to your application.

Are there information sessions about the program? Yes, an information session was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The recording can be found [here](#).

Program Details and Logistics

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. Paired mentorship from an implementation science expert is integral to the program's training structure. Sustained mentorship for the course of the two-year program minimizes disruptions to training and enables mentors to provide meaningful guidance as fellows' research projects progress.

How are fellows paired with mentors? Program leadership with guidance from a steering committee will review applications of both fellows and mentors. Matchmaking between fellows and mentors will be informed by the fellow's project needs and desired implementation science areas of growth to ensure that mentor's expertise and strengths align accordingly. High scoring fellowship and mentor applicants will be interviewed prior to finalizing selections. These interviews will help program leadership understand needs and strengths to inform pairings.

How is the mentor stipend distributed? The stipend will be paid directly to the mentor as an honorarium. Applicants are responsible for determining how this process aligns with their home institution's policies.

What benefits do mentors receive? Mentors receive the following benefits:

- A \$25,000 stipend per year for the duration of the two-year program
- Complimentary registration for AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting (ARM) and Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation for both years of the two-year program
- Access to a collaborative Learning Network that connects mentors and fellows, fostering ongoing professional networking and knowledge exchange