

**VA Quality Scholars are a National,
Interprofessional Network of Quality
Improvement Leaders in Healthcare**



- ☆ Active sites
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VA QUALITY SCHOLARS ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP

Developing Leaders & Scholars
to Improve Healthcare



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- in VA Quality Scholars

"I graduated with the ability to implement clinical programs, conduct continuous QI & lead healthcare change from the formal curriculum, excellent mentorship & experiential learning. It would have taken me years to learn those skills without VAQS."

- Jessica Eng, MD VAQS Alumni 2014

▼ HOW TO APPLY ▼

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Supported by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the VA Quality Scholars program **develops leaders and scholars in healthcare improvement.** Founded in 1999 and leading change nationally and internationally, VAQS is the **premier training program** in healthcare improvement and leadership.

Eligible Professions ▼

- Physicians
- Doctorally-trained Nurses
- Clinical Psychologists
- Physical Therapists
- Pharmacists

Faculty Expertise ▼

- Quality Improvement
- Operations Leadership
- Implementation Science
- Health Systems Science
- Health Policy
- Clinical Informatics
- Methods & Analysis
- Interprofessional Education

Alumni Career Paths ▼

- VA Executive Leadership
- Chief Medical Officer
- National VA Director of Medication Reconciliation
- Dean in Medical Education
- Director of Quality Improvement
- Medical Director of Behavioral Health
- Quality Management & Patient Safety Officer
- Leader in Informatics
- Academic Position (inside & outside of VA)



Fellowship Benefits ▼

- Two-year healthcare improvement & leadership curriculum
- Networking with national experts & leaders
- Professional development
- Leading QI projects
- Individual mentoring
- Data analysis training & consultation
- Expansive alumni network
- Stipend & federal government benefits

Training Program ▼

National Curriculum



Site-Level Training



*Available at select sites

"My time and experience in the VAQS program was invaluable! I gained theoretical & practical experience in leading teams, consensus building, measuring/monitoring clinical data, scholarly writing, and most importantly, how to make positive improvements in healthcare."

- Alvin Jeffery, PhD, MSN, RN-BC, CCRN-K, FNP-BC, VAQS Alumni 2017