AcademyHealth invites senior health policy and health services researchers from academia, health care organizations and other settings who are members of AcademyHealth to participate in the new AcademyHealth Senior Scholars in Residence program. This program provides an opportunity for leaders in our field to have a Washington-based experience in health policy focusing especially on the role that health services research can play in informing national policy issues.

The program has three goals:

• To provide an opportunity for the Senior Scholars to deepen their understanding of how health services research informs national policy;
• To bring new and innovative thinking and research to national policy discussions; and
• To increase interactions between AcademyHealth members and AcademyHealth staff in order to deepen the staff’s understanding of key health issues and to help them better serve the field.

Program Opportunities
This Senior Scholars Program builds upon and supports AcademyHealth’s vision to improve health and health care by generating new knowledge and moving knowledge into action. It is an opportunity to showcase the deep and diverse expertise our members offer to the national policy discussions. It offers the Senior Scholar outstanding opportunities to collaborate, advise, network, participate in AcademyHealth programs and projects, and take advantage of opportunities that only exist in Washington, D.C.

• Collaborate and Advise
  – The Senior Scholar will collaborate with AcademyHealth staff and leadership, including Board of Directors and committees.
  – The Senior Scholar will provide expertise on key AcademyHealth initiatives. This could involve reviewing documents, attending meetings, doing brown bag seminars, participating in various programmatic advisory committees, and writing recommendations for future AcademyHealth activities.

• Network
  – With policymakers and leaders in key federal agencies
  – With influential national stakeholder organizations
  – With leading health services researchers through AcademyHealth committees and events
  – With AcademyHealth leadership and staff

• Participate
  – In a variety of policy venues that exist only in Washington, D.C., from Congressional Hearings to seminars that organizations like the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Kaiser Family Foundation, and others host;
  – In AcademyHealth national meetings, including the
    • Annual Research Meeting (ARM)
    • National Health Policy Conference (NHPC)
  – In AcademyHealth programs and projects, as needed and appropriate

This initiative is ideal for a sabbatical and offers no salary support. AcademyHealth provides an office, computer, and telephone as well as access to conference rooms in the AcademyHealth suite. AcademyHealth will also assist the Senior Scholar in identifying, and providing introduction to, key individuals and organizations to meet with during their stay.
Expectations for the Senior Scholar
The program is intended to be highly flexible to meet the interests and constraints of the senior scholar. The time commitment for the scholar in residence may vary from two weeks to many months, can be part-time or full-time during the chosen time frame, and will be negotiated individually to maximize the value to the Scholar and AcademyHealth.

- Provide expertise and engage in dialogue with other AcademyHealth staff and members;
- Occasionally attend Senior Staff meetings and other AcademyHealth functions as appropriate based on topics;
- Attend the Annual Research Meeting, the National Health Policy Conference, and other events as appropriate and desired;
- Participate in proposal development, manuscript development and other key activities as the need arises;
- Chair/lead AcademyHealth committees or special groups on topics that fit with Senior Fellow’s expertise;
- Contribute at least one blog post to AcademyHealth’s blog;
- Participate in a webinar for AcademyHealth student chapters; and
- Conduct at least one seminar for AcademyHealth staff and invited external participants (to be determined based on topic).

Senior Scholar Selection
AcademyHealth Senior Scholar applicants will be reviewed by the President/CEO and selected senior staff and/or Board members, who may be appointed to a Selection Committee. Selection will be made by President/CEO based on recommendations of the Selection Committee. After the review, a letter of notification will be sent to all applicants. Applications for the Senior Scholar program should include:

- Current curriculum vitae;
- Short biographical paragraph; and
- Letter describing your interest in Academy Health and your goals for your tenure as a Scholar in Residence.

To apply, or learn more, contact our HR department at jobs@academyhealth.org.