

Delivery System Science Fellowship 2021 Cohort

Host Site Descriptions

Host Site Name	Host Site Location
Lyft Healthcare Policy	Location Unconfirmed
University of Chicago Medicine	Chicago, IL
U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) and Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D)	Various locations

See featured descriptions for each of the listed host site locations below.





Lyft Healthcare Policy: Location Unconfirmed

Lyft is seeking to hire a full-time research fellow from Summer 2021- Fall 2022, through the AcademyHealth Delivery System Science Fellowship program to advance Lyft's healthcare research agenda and ability to proactively produce, fund, and support research that informs and shapes health policies related to non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) and access to care for Medicaid and Medicare-covered populations.

Ridesharing is an understudied, yet valuable, service delivery method deployed by health systems and managed care organizations for NEMT for Medicaid and Medicare enrollees, and the research fellow's work will be central in enhancing Lyft's ability to meet emerging healthcare research needs.

The DSSF Fellow will:

- Work with internal and external cross-functional stakeholders to launch, promote, design, and manage research efforts with external research and academic partners.
- Develop pipeline of research projects and external partners for Lyft to engage with.
- Vet and recommend external research projects that advance Lyft's healthcare strategy, in addition to leading rigorous internal program evaluations across Lyft's various pilots and partnerships.
- Stay up-to-date with industry trends as it relates to transportation access and insecurity, social determinants of health, health disparities, Medicaid/Medicare policy and non-emergency medical transportation research.





The University of Chicago Medicine: Chicago, IL

The [University of Chicago Medicine](#), dating to 1927, is a not-for-profit academic healthcare system owned by the [University of Chicago](#) in Chicago, IL, with hospitals and [numerous outpatient clinics](#) throughout Chicago and its suburbs. The primary medical center is on the campus of the University of Chicago, a top ten university in national and international rankings. Other top ranked schools on campus with important links to healthcare delivery science include the Harris School of Public Policy, the School of Social Service Administration, and the Booth School of Business, among others.

A new brand, the University of Chicago Medicine, was introduced in 2012 with the opening of its new state-of-the-art hospital. The [Center for Care and Discovery](#) brings together the best minds in research and clinical care aided by the latest in technology and located adjacent to the Level I Trauma Center, the outpatient Duchossois Center for Advanced Medicine, the Comer Children's Hospital, and the Pritzker School of Medicine - the top medical school in Illinois and one of the top in the nation. UChicago Medicine also includes [Ingalls Memorial](#), a community hospital in the Southwestern suburbs of Chicago.

UChicago Medicine has a robust history of providing services to the diverse Chicago community, particularly to underserved population on the South Side of Chicago. For the last fiscal year, UChicago Medicine invested more than a half billion dollars in community benefits. One of the most well-known of these investments is the [Urban Health Initiative](#), previously led by Michelle Obama, and serving as a locus for community engagement to reduce disparities in the healthcare services provided by UChicago Medicine.

Particularly relevant for AcademyHealth's Delivery System Science Fellowship, the University of Chicago is home to many unique Institutes and Centers offering significant opportunities for collaboration in the field of healthcare delivery science, including the [Center for Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation](#) (HDSI), the [Institute for Translational Medicine](#), the [MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics](#), the [Center for Health and the Social Sciences](#), the [Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence](#), the [Operative Performance Research Institute](#), and the [Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#). The **AcademyHealth Delivery System Science Fellowship** is supported and administered by HDSI.

HDSI was established by UChicago Medicine in 2016 to catalyze efforts to apply rigorous science to address local challenges in healthcare delivery, with the goal of strengthening the quality, safety, value and experience of healthcare locally, and spreading these real-world innovations to other healthcare organizations nationally. HDSI has become a center for collaboration between front-line clinicians of all professions, scientists from diverse fields such as data science and healthcare equity, and leadership from across UChicago Medicine, providing a mechanism through which UChicago Medicine can support scientists in innovative healthcare delivery redesign. HDSI provides research funding, training, logistical support for embedded research, and opportunities for networking and impact.

UChicago Medicine has attracted resources and recognition of particular relevance to those interested in healthcare delivery science, including (1) one of eight **Pathway Innovators Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER) programs** in the US, sponsored by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME); (2) membership in the [High Value Practice Academic Alliance](#); (3) selection as one of fourteen members of the [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's ACTION 4 Network, as the clinical affiliate of the NORC at the University of Chicago](#); (4) one of 32 hospitals, in Spring 2020, to receive 17 sequential A grades since Leapfrog began its semi-annual ratings in 2012; (5) Magnet Recognition in 2018; (6) Most Wired Recognition by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) in 2019; and (7) selection in 2019 to be a member of the US Cochrane Network.

Opportunities available to fellows in the **AcademyHealth Delivery System Science Fellowship** at UChicago Medicine include: (1) Committed mentorship from world-class healthcare delivery scientists and C-suite leaders, including but not limited to the Chief Quality and Innovation Officer, Chief Clinical Transformation Officer, Chief Medical Information Officers and Chief Medical Officer for the Clinical





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Learning Environment, (2) Facilitated collaboration with robust, interdisciplinary teams in quality performance improvement, operational performance improvement, infection control, clinical analytics, data science, medical informatics, patient experience, and clinical innovation, (3) Support to advance initiatives across a broad array of healthcare delivery science domains, including quality improvement, patient safety, high value care, digital health, clinical analytics, population health, healthcare equity, and pharmacy and supply chain management, and (4) Access to and availability of institutional resources such as an enterprise-wide data warehouse, the Epic electronic health record (EHR) across all clinical practice sites, an EHR based clinical pathways program, and robust institutional quality dashboards and individual provider scorecards. The fellowship at UChicago is 1-2 years in length, depending on the interest of the fellow. Salary is informed by the NIH guidelines for post graduate salaries.

As the third largest city in the US, Chicago has much to offer as well, from one of the most exciting food, drink, arts and entertainment scenes in the world, to the largest airport in the US, and home to innumerable institutions advancing the science of healthcare delivery, including [NORC at the University of Chicago](#), the Google Midwest headquarters, and [MATTER](#), one of the few innovation incubators and accelerators in the US to exclusively focus on healthcare.

Thank you for considering UChicago Medicine as a potential site for your Fellowship experience. We hope to be able to discuss these opportunities and more with you as the application process proceeds.





U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) and Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D): Various Locations

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hosts several research programs and centers which house postdoctoral training fellowships supported by the VA [Health Services Research and Development program](#) (HSR&D) and the [VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative](#) (QUERI).

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact specific host sites available through the [HSR&D Centers of Innovation](#), as well as the [VA QUERI Center for Evaluation and Implementation Resources](#). Fellowships are housed within VA medical centers throughout the United States and fellowship training includes opportunities to conduct a rich portfolio of clinical, health services, and quality improvement/implementation research studies. Specific Fellowship opportunities are available through these Centers, many of which also host QUERI Programs. Each fellowship site has formal links to national clinical offices based at VA Central Office as well as selected regional offices.

Early and mid-career Fellows will have an opportunity to join and link to ongoing research programs and design new studies based on their interests as well as VA national priorities for health services and quality improvement/implementation research. VA's research resources include a large collection of clinical and administrative databases, drawing from our comprehensive electronic medical record system, as well as large regional and national provider networks, technical assistance, and educational resources in areas ranging from health economics to epidemiology to implementation science, and many other resources.

