

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



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**VA QUALITY SCHOLARS ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP**

Developing Leaders & Scholars to Improve Healthcare

**▼ 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

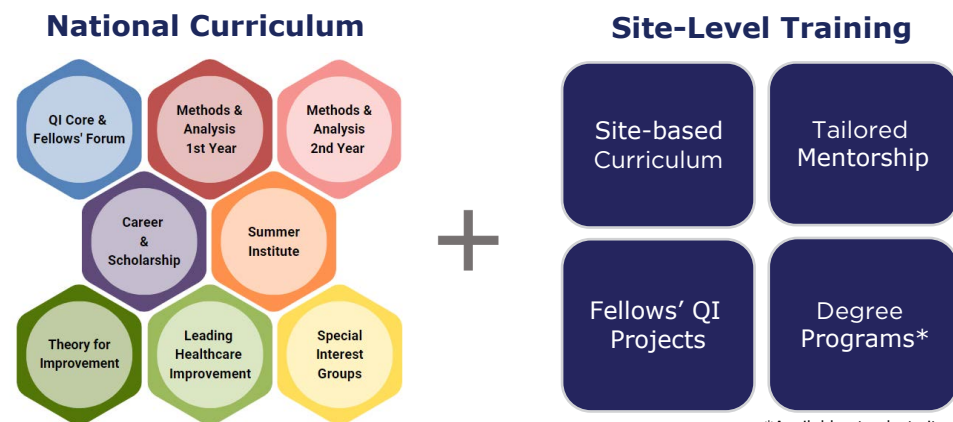
### Alumni Career Paths ▼

- 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 ▼



\*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*