



Are you an early-career physician or researcher interested in advancing your leadership and research skills while contributing to the advancement of specialty certification?

Apply to the ABMS Visiting Scholars Program

Research is the key to advancing some of the most pressing issues in health care and certification. The [ABMS Visiting Scholars Program™](#) of the American Board of Medical Specialties® is seeking research projects that demonstrate the impact certification programs have on public health, and national quality and safety priorities; accelerate the adoption of certification assessments relevant to the emerging health care environment; and advance collaborative solutions for certification within and across specialties.

Key research priorities for the upcoming cohort of Visiting Scholars include:

- Diagnostic excellence within and across specialties.
- Competency-based medical education and assessments across the medical education continuum.
- Racial equity and diversity across the health care continuum.
- Physician engagement in quality improvement and patient safety initiatives.
- Research priorities to our co-sponsoring organizations including the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the ABMS Member Boards of Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Radiology, and Urology.

Results from [Visiting Scholars' research](#) contribute to the medical literature that supports the development and ongoing assessment of specialists who positively impact the quality, safety, and value of patient care.

Benefits of Program Participation:

- **Conduct research of value** to your home organization and the broader certification community.
- **Consult with research mentors and subject matter experts** to strengthen research methodologies, data analytics, and overcome barriers.
- **Learn from national experts and thought leaders** in health care and health policy.
- **Build a professional network of colleagues** across the certification community including leaders from ABMS and ABMS Member Boards, ABMS Associate Members, Visiting Scholars peers, and Visiting Scholars alumni.
- **Engage with the ABMS community** by participating in committee and stakeholder council meetings, sponsored symposia, and professional health care forums.
- **Have your work nationally recognized and disseminated** across the certification, medical education, and quality improvement communities.

The deadline to apply is June 12, 2022 at 11:59 pm CT.

[Start your application here.](#)



THE ABMS VISITING SCHOLARS EXPERIENCE

During the year-long program, ABMS Visiting Scholars remain at their home organizations and work with self-selected mentors. They participate in monthly interactive webinars where they provide research project updates to their peers and a select panel of subject matter experts and Visiting Scholars alumni who provide guidance, support, and solutions to barriers they may be experiencing in their research work.

The program begins in September. Scholars traditionally attend three in-person leadership meetings and present their research findings before a national audience at the annual [ABMS Conference](#). Scholars say that the program helps shape their career path, advance their research aspirations, and forge long-term relationships. Read the [Scholars Impact](#) stories to learn more about their experiences.

ELIGIBILITY

The ABMS Visiting Scholars Program is ideal for individuals looking to positively impact their profession as well as specialty certification through research.

- Early-career physicians, medical and surgical specialists, and research professionals, junior faculty, fellows, and residents, as well as individuals holding master or doctorate degrees in public health, health services research, educational evaluation and statistics, public health policy and administration, or other relevant disciplines.
- Veterans Affairs trainees and staff, with prior approval by the VA Office of Academic Affiliations.
- Student visas are not available.

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APPLICATION

Projects can be ongoing or launching and may build on existing research at one's home organization. A research mentor must be selected. Applications should include:

- A project description including research questions, plan, budget, expected outcomes, and timeline.
- A statement describing interests and goals for program participation.
- Two letters of recommendation: one from the chosen research mentor; and one from the department chair, associate dean/assistant dean, residency program director; or another supervisor.
- A current professional CV.

SELECTION

ABMS Visiting Scholars are selected based on the quality of their proposed research project, the relevance of their research to the ABMS certification community priorities, and the likelihood of making substantial progress on the project during the cohort year. Applications developed in collaboration with one or more ABMS Member Boards may receive priority. An award of up to \$12,500 is provided to support the direct costs of research and travel expenses associated with program participation. The award may be applied to an existing research grant that supports the same research project or research focus area.

Contact the abmsvisitingscholars@abms.org for more information or visit the [ABMS Visiting Scholars Program web page](#).



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