



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

James C. Puffer, M.D./American Board of Family Medicine Fellowship

2022 Guide to Nominations

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies) bring together the most eminent researchers, policy experts, and clinicians from across the country to work together to provide nonpartisan, scientific, and evidence-based advice to national, state, and local policymakers; academic leaders; health care administrators; and the public. The National Academies are uniquely qualified to offer an exceptional learning environment to selected early-career health science scholars and future leaders in medicine and public health. Through an endowment from the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), the James C. Puffer, M.D./ABFM Fellowship was established under the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Fellowship program.

Purpose

The overall purpose of the Puffer/ABFM Fellowship at the NAM is to enable talented, early-career health policy and science scholars in family medicine to participate actively in health- and medicine-related work of the National Academies and to further their careers as future leaders in the field. In considering qualifications for the Puffer/ABFM Fellowship, preference will be given to candidates who have a demonstrated interest in and focus on health quality and health services and have an M.D., Ph.D., or D.O. The program especially welcomes nominations of historically underrepresented candidates.

Program Description

The Puffer/ABFM Fellowship is awarded for a two-year period. During this time, the fellow is expected to continue to work at their main academic post, while being assigned to a health- and medicine-related board of the National Academies. The boards are:

- Children, Youth, and Families,
- Food and Nutrition,
- Global Health,
- Health Care Services,
- Health Sciences Policy, and
- Population Health and Public Health Practice.

The fellowship requires a 10- to 20-percent commitment of time for two years, and includes attendance at a one-week orientation to health policy, the NAM Annual Meeting and the meetings of the assigned board. Domestic travel expenses are covered for participation in approved fellowship activities. Additionally, the fellow will participate actively in the work of an appropriate study committee or roundtable, including contributing to its reports or other products. Studies that would enable the potential for the fellow to contribute to the value of integrating medicine and public health will be identified.

This experience will introduce the Puffer/ABFM Fellow to a variety of experts and perspectives, including legislators, government officials, industry leaders, executives of voluntary health organizations, scientists, and other health professionals. In addition, each fellow will be assigned to an NAM member who will serve as a senior mentor during the two years of the fellowship.

Each Puffer/ABFM Fellow will be asked to designate a tax exempt institution under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which shall receive an unrestricted grant of \$25,000, with an expressed preference that the grant be used to advance the fellow's professional and academic career in so far as it is practical to do. However, this grant is not intended for use as a salary offset for the fellow. The grant will

be administered through the appropriate department in the fellow's home institution to advance the fellow's professional and academic career.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees for the Puffer/ABFM Fellowship must:

- Be nominated by a member of the NAM or governing body of the ABFM
- Be active in the field of family medicine and may include a Ph.D., M.D. or D.O.
- Have received a Ph.D. within the past one-to-ten years or be one-to-ten years out from completion of residency training with an M.D. or D.O.
- Be able to dedicate 10 to 20 percent of time to the fellowship for two years
- Be endorsed by the department chair, institute director or equivalent
- Hold U.S. citizen or permanent resident status at the time of the nomination

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be evaluated by an NAM-appointed committee based on their professional qualifications, scholarship, and quality of professional accomplishments as evidenced through publications and research grants, and relevance of current field of expertise to the work of the NAM.

Preference will be given to candidates who have a demonstrated interest in and focus on health care quality and health services.

Nomination Packet

A complete nomination packet must be submitted electronically through the online nomination system at <https://fellowship.nam.edu/> by 3:00pm ET on June 1 and will include the following documents:

- A nomination letter from a member of the NAM or governing body of the ABFM
- Three (3) letters of reference
- A supporting letter from the candidate's department chair, institute director, or equivalent
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A brief one-page bio

2022 Timeline

May 3	Call for nominations opens
June 1	Nomination packets are due at 3:00pm ET
July 20	Awardee is notified
September 7-9	Fellow orientation week at the NAM is held
October 17	Fellow is introduced to the Membership at the NAM Annual Meeting

Program Administration

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