

The Cheng-Dzau NAM-CUHK International Health Policy Fellowship Program

Established in 2017, the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)'s first-ever International Health Policy Fellowship Program, in collaboration with the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Centre for Bioethics, seeks early- to mid-career scholars in the fields of medicine, public health, bioethics, medical ethics and law, health policy and economics, and health care, and to those who are interested in and committed to improving health, healthcare, and access to healthcare for patients in domestic and international health care systems. The collaboration has been further strengthened through the signing of a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding between the National Academy of Sciences and the Faculty of Medicine of CUHK. The program has been established in perpetuity and named in honor of its two founders: Dr. Edgar Cheng, President of the Lanson Foundation and benefactor of the fellowship, and Dr. Victor Dzau, President of NAM, for their leadership and vision. This fellowship program aims to:

- Support the long-term professional and leadership development of the fellows;
- Educate and nurture a network of emerging leaders who can create global partnerships and identify pathways to solutions in addressing health issues that cross borders; and
- Build a pipeline of international health policy scholars who are trained in bridging science with policy to improve health, health care, and health policies domestically and globally.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be a full-time CUHK faculty member in early-to-mid career (approximately 2–10 years postgraduate work experience);
- Doctoral degree preferred (MD, PhD, DSc, DO, DrPH, JD, MBChB, MBBS, or equivalent); other graduate degrees may be considered;
- Be fluent in speaking, reading, and writing English; and
- Demonstrated commitment to improving health, healthcare, and health policy.

Financial Support

The Cheng-Dzau NAM-CUHK Fellowship Program is generously supported by the endowed grant from the Lanson Foundation, which fully covers all program fees incurred by the NAM for the selected Fellows. To further enhance their overall experience, applicants are encouraged to explore additional funding opportunities to support expenses related to living and travel that are not covered by the program fees.

Fellowship Structure

One fellow will be selected biennially. Each fellowship will be awarded for a two-year term, requiring a 25% time commitment for residency in Washington, D.C. Fellows are expected to maintain their current position and responsibilities at CUHK while being a CUHK-NAM Fellow. The general program arrangement is outlined below.

Year 1

- A concentrated three-month residency in Washington, D.C. for the fellow to:
 - Learn about the activities of the NAM and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the National Academies)
 - Understand the roles of the NAM and the National Academies in informing policy and providing objective advice on matters of science, technology, and health
 - Identify a National Academies project/report and select a topic to contextualize in the fellow's home setting to produce a final report as part of their fellowship deliverable
 - Network with the NAM Members and thought leaders/subject matter experts in relevant fields who can help the fellow in contextualizing the selected topic to the home setting for their final report
- Self-paced work driven by the fellow to develop their final report
- Attendance to relevant meetings and events of the NAM and the National Academies
- A regular check-in with the NAM program staffs and NAM Member(s) to support the fellow's progress on their final report

Year 2

- Continued self-paced work driven by the fellow to develop their final report
- Continued attendance to relevant meetings and events of the NAM and the National Academies
- Continued regular check-in with the NAM program staff and NAM Member(s) to support the fellow's progress on their final report
- A second residency* in Washington, D.C. for the fellow to:
 - Contribute actively to the work of the NAM and the National Academies as a subject matter expert/consultant
 - Learn more about the policymaking process in the United States and bridging science with policy
 - Finalize their final report
 - Deliver a presentation on their final report to the NAM and the National Academies leadership, the NAM members, thought leaders/subject matter experts in relevant fields, CUHK and other audiences, including but not limited to academic researchers, policymakers, government administrators, care providers, graduate students, and the general public
- A seminar/event at CUHK for the fellow to deliver a presentation as the main speaker on their final report and fellowship experience to the CUHK leadership, local thought leaders/subject matter experts in relevant fields, and other audiences, including but not limited to academic researchers, policymakers, government administrators, care providers, graduate students, and the general public

**Timing and duration of the second residency may be adjusted based on what best supports the fellow in completing their final report and enhancing their fellowship experience, subject to agreement with the CUHK Centre for Bioethics and NAM.*

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be evaluated by a NAM-appointed committee based on their professional qualifications, academic achievements, references, and the quality of professional accomplishments as demonstrated through publications and research grants. The relevance of the candidate's current field expertise to the work of the NAM will also be considered. Preference will be given to candidates from the fields of medicine, public health, bioethics, medical ethics and law, health policy and economics, and healthcare, and those who have demonstrated interest and scholarship in one or more of the fields mentioned above.