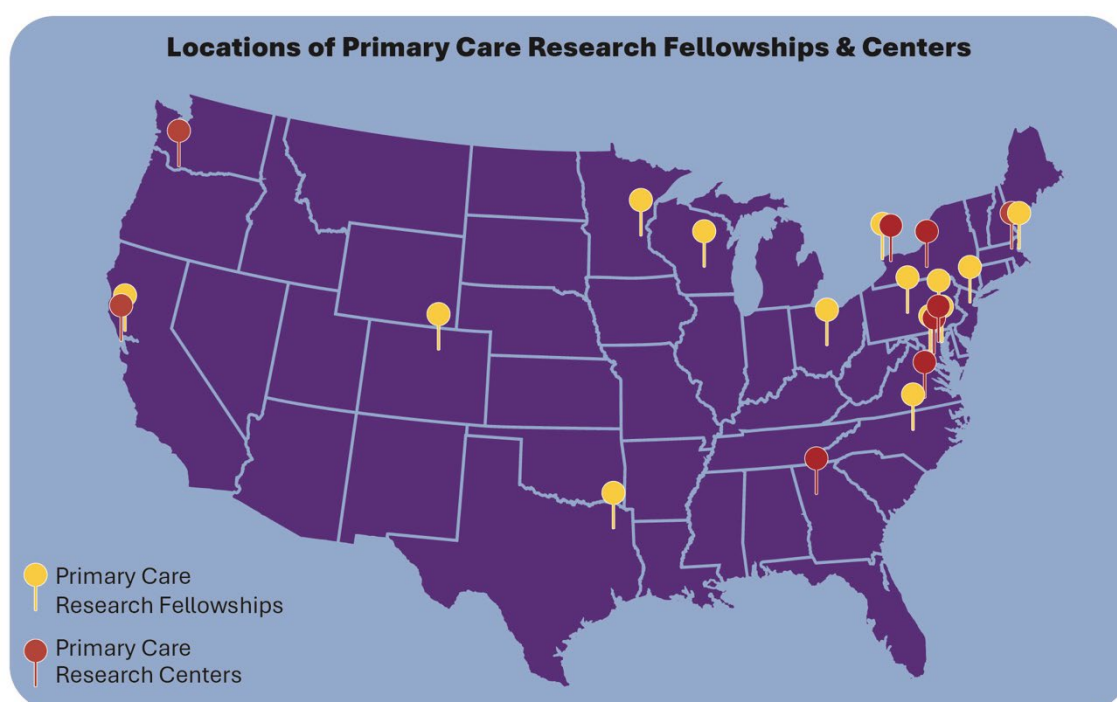


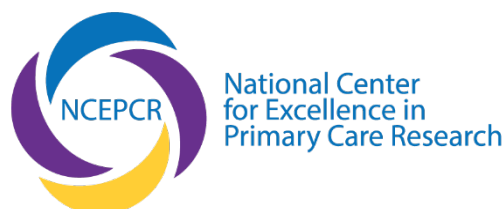
# PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & CENTERS

AHRQ's [National Center for Excellence in Primary Care Research](#) (NCEPCR) recognizes the need for a robust primary care research workforce to answer pressing questions and identify solutions for the many challenges that face primary care today. NCEPCR has supported the development of new and early career health services and primary care researchers through a [junior summer fellows program](#).

In addition to its own program, NCEPCR recognizes that many academic institutions and organizations across the United States offer fellowships in primary care research. To assist prospective researchers—particularly clinician-researchers—NCEPCR has curated a list of these external fellowship opportunities. While not exhaustive, this list provides a starting point for those interested in developing a career in primary care research.



NCEPCR has also compiled a list of U.S.-based Primary Care Research Centers working to answer a variety of research questions and address the many challenges facing primary care. While not exhaustive, this list is intended to help researchers identify institutions actively engaged in primary care research and potential sites for training, collaboration, or employment.



# PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The goal of the [NAPCRG Phillips Futures Fellowship](#) is to identify and support the work of individuals of exceptional promise for the future of primary care research. Fellows may come from any profession, academic field, nation, career stage, or research role, and candidates who are either early stage investigators or are making a fundamental shift in the direction of their research are especially welcome to apply.

The [MedStar Health - Georgetown University Hospital Robert L. Phillips, Jr. Fellowship Program in Health Policy](#) develops skills and knowledge to become clinical leaders in diverse settings of family medicine practice, prepares fellows for careers in academic medicine, and educates future leaders in the development and promotion of primary care health services research and publications. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, but all application materials must be submitted by November 15 for a January start date.

Stanford's [Primary Care Population Health Fellowship](#) gives physicians 2 years of additional training to build scholarship and innovation skills for a successful academic career in primary care and population health. The emphasis is on training for health systems innovation, practical evaluation, and community outreach. The program has a rolling admission policy.

The [Community of Scholars Health Equity \(CSHE\) Training Program](#) at Georgetown University Medical Center Department of Family Medicine supports a Postdoctoral Research Fellow. The CSHE aims to advance primary care and health equity through research training opportunities for the recruitment, retention, and success of postdoctoral fellows interested in careers in biomedical and behavioral primary care research.

The [Translational Research in Primary Care Fellowship](#) at the University of Buffalo's Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences provides rigorous training that leads to successful primary care research careers, with a focus on implementation science: the study of strategies and interventions designed to work in an everyday setting. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The [Primary Care Research Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin \(Family Medicine\)](#) trains primary care physicians and PhD scientists interested in careers in medical research related to the organization, delivery, or effectiveness of primary healthcare and preventive medicine.

The [Ohio State University's General Internal Medicine Primary Care Research Fellowship](#) is a 2- to 3-year fellowship that provides the knowledge and skills needed to develop a research program. Fellows will earn a master's degree in public health or a related field and participate in hands-on research projects. Applicants must have completed a U.S. residency in Internal Medicine or Med-Peds and be board certified or eligible.

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) uses the National Research Service Award (NRSA) T32 program to train and support postdoctoral healthcare professionals pursuing careers in primary care research. The goal is to develop qualified researchers to address national primary care needs, including increasing access and quality while decreasing costs. While FY2025 funding is not complete, approximately 21 institutions had active primary care T32 fellowships in FY2024. Some examples include:

- The goal of the [George Washington University \(GW\) Primary Care Research Training Program \(P-CART\)](#) is to develop researchers who are prepared to generate, test, and disseminate primary care-oriented interventions that aim to improve health and health equity.
- The [NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship at the University of North Carolina's Sheps Center](#) trains primary care physicians and researchers for academic careers that emphasize primary care research during a 2- to 3-year fellowship period.

- The [Penn State Primary Care Research Fellowship](#) is a 2-year training program with multidisciplinary mentors across Penn State, including different colleges, institutes and campuses. Fellows' training and research can be broadly traditional primary-care relevant or focus on health disparities, overdose, substance use, and mental health.
- The [Rutgers Transdisciplinary Program in Primary Care Research \(TraP PCR\)](#) educates emerging scholars in the conduct of primary care research. It is a full-time, postdoctoral 2- to 3-year mentored research program with an appointment as a NRSA Fellow at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
- Baylor's Department of Family and Community Medicine offers a [Primary Care Research Postdoctoral Fellowship](#) open to MDs, PhDs, and other doctoral degree holders. The comprehensive training program aims to prepare healthcare professionals pursuing career pathways in primary care research.
- The [Adult and Child Center for Outcomes Research and Delivery Science \(ACCORDS\) Fellowship in Primary Care Research](#) trains postdoctoral professionals to become primary care research leaders addressing the nation's primary care health delivery challenges. It is a collaborative training program of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Kaiser Permanente of Colorado, and Denver Health.

The Academic Pediatric Association lists additional accredited [Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Programs](#), many of which are funded by a mix of NIH, HRSA, and institutional contributions. For example, the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota offers two [Adolescent Health & Primary Care Research Fellowships](#):

- The Leadership Education in Adolescent Health Program (LEAH) is funded by HRSA's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau and provides interdisciplinary leadership training, faculty development, continuing education, scholarship, technical assistance and collaboration with MCH programs, Title V Programs in state departments of public health, State Adolescent Health Coordinators, and policymakers and professional organizations concerned with the health of adolescents. Applications are due in January.
- The Child and Adolescent Primary Care Research Fellowship (IRT-CAPC) is an accredited Academic General Pediatrics/Primary Care Fellowship through the [Academic Pediatric Association](#), although with a pause in HRSA Bureau of Health Professions funding, there are no fellows in the program currently (August 2025).

### **Fellowships That Are Not Primary-Care Specific:**

The [Cornell – Hunter Health Equity Research Fellowship](#) provides mentored postdoctoral training for researchers in primary care, inpatient care, and health services research focused on health equity. It engages physicians, PhD candidates, and nurses who aim to become extramurally funded independent health services researchers with a research program focused on health equity.

The [Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship](#) at St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN) offers the opportunity for recent doctoral degree recipients to enhance their research skills in the clinically focused, multidisciplinary environment. With clinical teams actively engaged in clinical research projects, postdoctoral researchers pursue clinical research in their area of clinical interest, including primary care.

For nearly 30 years, the [Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Graduate Fellowship Program](#) has provided early career researchers with hands-on opportunities to work at the National Academies and learn about the intersections of science, technology, and policy.

The [National Clinician Scholars Program](#) immerses clinician scholars in a rigorous program of research, policy, and leadership training. It is an independent consortium of community, health system, policy, and academic partners that offer this 2-year, site-based training program.

# PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH CENTERS

The [Robert Graham Center](#) at the American Academy of Family Physicians creates and curates evidence to inform policies that support family medicine and primary care and improve individual and population health. The Center generates this evidence by using primary and secondary data to develop innovative methods and unique data linkages.

The [Center for Primary Care Research & Innovation](#) (CPCRI), housed in the Oregon Health & Science University Department of Family Medicine, is a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals and researchers whose purpose is to improve population health by implementing quality of care innovations in health systems and communities and studying these innovations to understand if and how they are working.

The [Primary Care Research Institute](#) (PCRI) brings together clinicians, health services researchers and other experts to address the common but complex issues surrounding contemporary healthcare. PCRI is housed at the University of Buffalo's Department of Family Medicine.

The University of California San Francisco's [Center for Excellence in Primary Care \(CEPC\)](#) identifies, develops, tests, and disseminates promising innovations in primary care to improve the patient experience, enhance population health and health equity, reduce the cost of care, and restore joy and satisfaction in the practice of primary care.

The [National Center for Primary Care | Morehouse School of Medicine](#) advances health equity in primary care by identifying gaps in care and implementing initiatives to fill those gaps. It strengthens the primary care system through education, research and training to improve health outcomes while advancing and sustaining health equity.

Harvard Medical School's (HMS) [Center for Primary Care](#) was established in 2010 to elevate and build a primary care presence on the HMS campus and among local, national, and international communities. As of June 30, 2025, the Center has been integrated into the [Program in Medical Education](#).

The [Johns Hopkins Primary Care Policy Center \(PCPC\)](#) conducts policy-relevant research, analysis and education concerning the organization, financing, and mode of delivery for primary healthcare, particularly to underserved and vulnerable populations

The [Center for Professionalism & Value in Health Care \(CPV\)](#) aims to study relationships between professionalism and value, promote their alignment, recommend ways to reduce burden, and better support outcomes and quality improvement.

[The Larry A. Green Center](#) conducts research that invests all aspects of primary care with the fullness and dignity of humanity, bridging the chasm between the business of medicine and the lived experience of the human condition.

The [Primary Care Centers Roundtable](#) brings together primary care research and policy centers in the United States. Members are dedicated to driving research and informing policy to promote widespread access to high-quality primary care. Find information about additional primary care centers on their website.

In addition to these centers, over 100 active [Practice-based Research Networks](#) (PBRNs) draw on the experience and insight of practicing clinicians to identify and frame research questions, conduct studies in real-world settings, and generate answers that can be quickly implemented to improve the practice of primary care. AHRQ's [PBRN Registry](#) is an online search repository of currently registered PBRNs.