2020 Program Letter of Intent
Sojourns® Scholar Leadership Program
Cambia Health Foundation is proud to sponsor the Sojourns® Scholar Leadership Program, an initiative designed to identify, cultivate and advance future national palliative care leaders. The program seeks to support outstanding physician, nurse, social work, physician assistant, chaplaincy, psychology, pharmacy and other emerging leaders by investing in their professional development. Sojourns Scholars receive $180,000 in funding ($90,000/year over a two-year grant) to conduct an innovative and impactful project in the field of palliative care and develop a leadership development plan designed to support growth as a national leader in the field.

**Goals of program**

- Identify outstanding emerging leaders who are physicians, nurses, social workers, physician assistants, chaplains, psychologists, pharmacists and other health system professionals committed to improving access to, knowledge about and quality of palliative care
- Invest in leadership development, enabling Scholars to use their expertise and influence to create system and policy changes in palliative care locally, regionally and nationally
- Develop the professional visibility and advance the palliative care expertise of the Sojourns Scholars, enhancing them to advance the field
Program components

• A two-year clinical, educational, policy, advocacy or systems change project
• An individualized leadership development plan to catalyze and enhance the Sojourns Scholar’s emergence and effectiveness as a national leader
• Annual Sojourns Scholar Leadership Summit
• Mentorship from the National Advisory Committee
• Participation as a member of the Sojourns Scholar community of peers

Eligibility

• The program will support up to 12 Sojourns Scholars.
• Applicants must demonstrate a clear commitment to palliative care.
• At least one local mentor must provide support for the applicant’s project and leadership development.
• The applicant’s home institution will be required to submit a letter signed by a director (CEO, administrator, dean or chair) confirming that at least 50% of the applicant’s time will be dedicated to the Sojourns Scholar Leadership Program.
• Awardees should not be a recipient of a career development award at the time of initial Sojourns Scholar program funding (e.g., NIH K award, VA career award, National Palliative Care Research Center award, or other funded career award).
Credentials

Nurses: Experienced nurses prepared at the masters and doctoral level (preferred); board certification by the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center preferred.

Physicians: At least two years out of training preferred; board certification in hospice and palliative medicine preferred.

Social workers: For clinical social workers, licensure in state of practice and at least two years post-Masters (MSW) preferred. Specialty certification in hospice or palliative care or post-graduate training in oncology, palliative care or hospice preferred. For academic social workers, PhD preferred.

Physician assistants: Practicing clinical PA with at least two years of experience in hospice or palliative medicine (or critical-care setting), in good standing with NCCPA.

Chaplains: Master’s degree in theology or related field; board certification in chaplaincy (BCC) (board certification in hospice and palliative care (BCC-HPCC) preferred); at least two years chaplain clinical experience in hospice and/or palliative care.

Psychologists: Licensed clinical psychologist with PhD; at least two years in delivery of psychological counseling services to palliative care populations.

Pharmacists: At least two years post-completion of PharmD (Doctor of Pharmacy); one or more residency years training preferred (completion of post-graduate (PGY-2) residency in pain management and palliative care given top priority although limited programs exist).

Health systems executives: At least two years post-Master’s degree in public health, business administration or related field preferred; champions of palliative care integration across health care systems.

For individuals in a university or academic setting, eligible candidates should have a faculty appointment at the time of application.
**Required dates**
Applicant must be available to attend a one-hour in-person interview in Portland, Oregon, that will be scheduled on **Sept. 22 or 23, 2020**. Please consider travel to and from Portland when holding these dates on your calendar. Cambia Health Foundation will pay the Scholar’s travel costs.

**Application process**
- The application is a two-step process beginning with a Letter of Intent (LOI), followed by a full proposal if invited by Cambia Health Foundation to submit one.
- LOIs, including required attachments, are due by **Feb. 21, 2020, at 12 p.m. PST**.
- Full Proposal Grant Applications, including required attachments, are due by **June 19, 2020, at 4 p.m. PST**.
- All applications must be submitted through the Cambia Health Foundation grant application portal. Paper applications will not be accepted.

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Please answer the following questions and stay within page restrictions. Answers must be written in Times New Roman 12-point font using one-inch margins and single space. Letters of Intent will not be accepted in any other form. Please upload the completed document through the Cambia Health Foundation’s grants management portal at cambiahealthfoundation.org.

1. **A personal statement:** Briefly describe how this award would advance you as an educator, clinician, leader or policymaker on a local and national level. (Up to one page maximum)

2. **Proposed palliative care project:** Briefly describe the two-year project that you plan to undertake, including: why it’s needed and important to the field; project goals; how you plan to evaluate your project; and your plans for dissemination both locally and nationally. (Up to one page maximum)

3. **Proposed leadership development plan:** Briefly describe your vision for national leadership in palliative care and how your proposed palliative care project supports your leadership growth. (Up to one page maximum)

**Required attachments**
- A current CV or resume.
- A letter signed by a director with fiscal responsibility for the applicant (CEO, hospital administrator, dean or chair) confirming that 50% of the applicant’s time will be dedicated to the Sojourns Scholar Leadership Program. The letter should include institutional support for the applicant’s current and future role in the department and institution, outlining institutional resources (administrative support, computer availability, etc.), and describe the institution’s plans for integrating and using the expertise and experience that the applicant would gain through this program.

**About Cambia Health Foundation**
Cambia Health Foundation is the corporate foundation of Cambia Health Solutions, a total health solutions company dedicated to transforming the way people experience health care. Founded in 2007, the foundation has funded over $60 million in grants to advance patient- and family-centered care for all. Cambia Health Foundation strategically invests in philanthropy to change the way people experience health care from birth to natural completion of life. Learn more at cambiahealthfoundation.org and follow us on Twitter: @CambiaHealthFdn.