Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship

View the inaugural cohort
Congratulations to the 2021-2022 AMA-SHLI Medical Justice in Advocacy fellows.

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) at Morehouse School of Medicine are proud to announce the selection of 12 outstanding physician leaders as the inaugural cohort of fellows for the AMA-SHLI Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship.

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Program purpose

The inaugural Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship is a collaborative educational initiative to empower physician-led advocacy that advances equity and removes barriers to optimal health for marginalized people and communities.

The fellowship will mobilize physicians to be part of the next generation of advocacy leaders, driving meaningful policy and structural changes that produce equity and justice in the communities they serve.

About the fellowship

The AMA-SHLI Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship is a unique, first of its kind post-doctoral fellowship designed to enhance physicians’ advocacy leadership skills to improve health outcomes and advance health equity in the areas they serve or may serve.

Using an anti-racist, equity-centered learning framework, the fellowship will provide a mentoring and training platform that will equip participants with the foundational skills, tools and knowledge to engage in institutional and political health advocacy. This will involve exploring several critical topic areas, including:

- Upstream (action-based) models of advocacy that address social and structural drivers of health
- Structural, cultural, political, and historical analysis of the production of inequities
- Sector and resource engagement required to improve community health and well-being

The implementation of the Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship aligns with the AMA’s strategic approach to collaborate with stakeholders to eliminate health inequities by pushing upstream and creating pathways for truth, reconciliation, and healing to remove obstacles in patient care. Under
Morehouse School of Medicine’s vision of leading in the creation and advancement of health equity, SHLI aims to be the leading transformational force for health equity in policy, leadership development and research.

Program eligibility

The fellowship is open to all physicians and residents who have a demonstrated interest in health equity and health advocacy.

**Note:** Internships and graduate assistantships will not count towards the professional experience requirement.

Fellowship dates

The fellowship runs from Sept. 2021—Nov. 2022.

Fellowship requirements

The fellows will participate in a three-day virtual learning intensive at the beginning of the fellowship and will subsequently engage in monthly learning sessions with a multidisciplinary, multisectoral group of nationally-renowned experts, scholars, researchers and current and former policymakers across all levels of government.

The fellows will also meet in-person or virtually for learning experiences. In-person experiences will be in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Illinois.

**Note:** This is subject to change depending on extraneous factors impacting travel and large group in-person gatherings.

Taking a sabbatical is not required during the fellowship. AMA membership is not required for the fellowship.

Required convenings, meetings and time commitment
Virtual instructional webinars/meetings

**Frequency:** Every third Friday of the month from noon–2 p.m. Eastern  
Monthly convening from Oct. 2021–May 2022  
Mentor engagement from Oct. 2021–Aug. 2022

**Note:** On months when there are in-person convenings, you will not meet virtually for that month (Sept. 2021, Jan. 2022, June 2022, Nov. 2022)

Full day commitments

- **Sept. 9–11, 2021:** Inaugural Convening for Fellows  
- **Jan. 2022:** Convening Fellows in Washington, D.C. (Date will be posted when available)  
- **June 11–15, 2022:** Convening Fellows for the AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting  
- **Nov. 11–15, 2022:** Convening Fellows for the AMA House of Delegates Interim Meeting

Monthly community project and webinar preparation effort

- Approximately 3 to 6 hours monthly doing preparation work for class preparation (i.e. readings, group work) and project development & implementation all done on your own time.

Stipend and CME credit

Participating fellows will receive a stipend of $15,000 for their participation in the program and would be eligible for up to 28 CME credit hours.

**Note:** Receipt of full stipend is contingent upon program participation and completion.

Program benefits

- Engagement with like-minded professionals to generate and exchange solutions towards a more equitable and healthier communities.  
- Connection with health equity experts and leaders for learning and mentorship opportunities.  
- Flexible, blended learning solutions that may be incorporated into the clinical schedule.  
- Knowledge and skill development to establish better trust among patients and serve as patient advocates.

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Partnership with AMA and SHLI on their respective commitments to transform health inequities through a social justice lens.

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