

**State Health Policy Scholar  
Rutgers Center for State Health Policy  
Position # 18TM0749**

**The Center for State Health Policy invites applicants to become a Health Policy Scholar and work with its leadership and team of professionals in pursuit of the CSHP mission. This year, we are seeking applicants with exceptional communication skills, including demonstrated ability to write about complex policy or research issues for non-technical audiences.**

Established in 1999, the Rutgers [Center for State Health Policy](#) (Center/CSHP) has become one of the nation's premiere research and policy analysis groups focused on critical health policy issues in the states. Our mission is to *inform, support, and stimulate sound and creative state health policy in New Jersey and around the nation*. To achieve this, the Center conducts policy analysis and research projects focused on strategies to improve population health and deliver more effective and efficient health care to vulnerable populations. Projects are supported by contracts and grants from federal and state agencies and private foundations. All of the Center's work is conducted in the public interest. To advance its mission and contribute to training the next generation of health policy researchers, the Center contributes to the career development of students and early career professionals interested in health policy issues. CSHP is unit of Rutgers [Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research](#) (IFH) within [Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences](#), offering a rich interdisciplinary environment.

The successful applicant will be appointed for a one-year fellowship, with the possibility of reappointment for a second year (discussed below).

The Health Policy Scholar should demonstrate proven ability to write about complex policy or research issues for non-technical audiences. In addition, key duties and relevant activities for this position include the following:

- The Scholar will work closely with one or more mentors from the CSHP leadership team to prepare a detailed professional development plan which may include participation in training activities, attending professional meetings, or other learning opportunities relevant to the plan;
- The Scholar will regularly observe or participate in meetings with senior state health officials from the New Jersey governor's office or state agencies to gain an appreciation of the policy-making process and the need for sound evidence;
- The Scholar will participate in strategic planning and project development at CSHP and will engage in work with one or more CSHP research teams.

**Applicant Qualifications Include:**

- Completion of a masters or doctoral degree in a relevant field within the past three years; applicants completing their graduate degree by December 2018 will be considered
- Interest in pursuing a career in public policy analysis or research
- Demonstrated strong relevant skills, including written and oral communication
- Training or experience in conducting social science or health services research is preferred
- Knowledge and experience with the use of social media for reaching a broad range of policy stakeholder audiences is a plus.
- Individuals with degrees in journalism, communication, and related fields are encouraged to apply.

**Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

- Exceptional communication skills, including demonstrated ability to write about complex policy or research issues for non-technical audiences
- Exposure to public policy, health services, and health-related research, but applicants need not have in-depth training in these areas
- Interest in pursuing a career in public policy analysis or research and should demonstrate strong relevant skills, including written and oral communication

**Second Year Appointments**

Fellows successfully completing their first year will be considered for a second year re- appointment. Second year appointments are dependent on the availability of resources and are not guaranteed.

**How to Apply**

Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three academic and/or professional references and apply at <https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/74319>. For additional information about Rutgers comprehensive benefits, including tuition remission, visit <http://recruitment.rutgers.edu/Benefits.htm>