

Here I share with you information about a great program that I consider can help our work along the Border. The Kellogg Health Scholars Program develops new leadership in the effort to reduce and eliminate health disparities and to secure equal access to the conditions and services essential for achieving healthy communities.

Through this Program, leaders emerge with the competence to undertake research adding to our knowledge about the nature of social disparities in health and about interventions to reduce those disparities; the capacity to partner with communities in carrying out research and building policy advocacy; and the skills to inform and support policy makers who seek to reduce and eliminate health disparities.

The Kellogg Health Scholars Program consists of two tracks and offers two-year postdoctoral fellowships at eight training sites. The [Community track](#) highlights community-based participatory research (CBPR), and relationships between academic health disparities research, public health practices in communities, and policy development. The [Multidisciplinary track](#) highlights a multidisciplinary approach to studying the determinants of health inequalities and inequities. Both tracks highlight the translation of health research into policy findings and recommendations.

All scholars participate once a year in a networking meeting at which policy and practice experts from the affiliated policy development/advocacy organizations, public health agencies and Community leaders share their expertise with the scholars and the scholars share their work with each other and with the Program's National Advisory Committee. In addition, seminars hosted at training sites and electronic thematic mini-workshops provide opportunities for scholars to link up with alumni, mentors, program leadership or invited guests. Through these small meetings and mini-workshops scholars share their research plans and projects with each other including lessons learned, challenges faced and strategies developed in their traineeship experience. They gain leadership skills in specific topic areas including publishing, grants management, and policy and advocacy.

The 2010-2012 application is now open! If you want more information, please visit <http://www.kellogghealthscholars.org/index.cfm>