



International Society for Quality in Health Care

The Lucian Leape Patient Safety Fellowship

Information

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The International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) is offering applicants who were born in, work in, or intend to return to work in Africa, Latin America or any Low and Lower- Middle-Income countries, the opportunity to apply for the 2020 Lucian Leape Fellowship.

Introduction

The Lucian Leape Patient Safety Fellowship Award will open for the second year in 2020. The programme will support one physician or health care leader per year to advance and expand their expertise in patient safety and improve the safety of patients in their local area. This is a joint initiative between ISQua and the Lucian Leape Foundation.

The programme is clinically-oriented, designed to provide the Leape Fellow with additional training in the theory of Patient Safety Science and interventions to improve patient safety. This will include training to identify and analyse adverse events and to develop interventions to address these events at a system level. The Fellowship may, but does not need to, include a research component. The expectation is that most of the time will be used to acquire knowledge and experience in Patient Safety Science and methods to improve patient safety.

What is involved in this Programme?

1. Knowledge and Skills development

The Leape Fellow will be assigned a suitable mentor at the start of the programme. Mentors may be ISQua Experts or members of the International Academy of Quality and Safety in Health Care (IAQS). There will be between six and ten virtual meetings between the mentor and Fellow over the year. In collaboration with the mentor, the Leape Fellow will design a curriculum designed to ensure learning on theories of Patient Safety with a focus on measurement and interventions to decrease adverse events and harm.

An example of some of the Programme's possible activities:

Learning about quality and safety measurement and improvement

- Recipients of Leape Fellowships will have opportunities to attend local courses on quality improvement and patient safety.
- The Leape Fellow can participate in online courses in patient safety, such as those offered by IHI, NPSF, Harvard Risk Management Foundation, ISQua Fellowship Programme etc.

Global Health Quality and Safety:

- Recipients of Leape Fellowships can participate in the Harvard edX course: Improving Global Health: Focusing on Quality and Safety taught by Professor Ashish Jha, T. Li Professor of Health Policy, and the Director of the Harvard Global Health Institute.

World Health Organization

- Previous recipients of the award have joined the WHO Global Patient Safety Initiative and actively participated in the WHO Patient Safety Challenge and the web-based safety group <https://ezcollab.who.in/gpsn>.

Information Technology and Patient Safety

- Recipients may take courses on information technology to improve patient safety which may be relevant to their setting, which may include but are not limited to those offered by AMIA.

CPD and Networking

- Successful candidates will be encouraged to attend the ISQua Conference as well as other appropriate fora to network and learn.

2. Knowledge Application

The main learning component is the development, planning, implementation and completion of an improvement project aimed at improving safety in a defined clinical area. Projects will be developed by the candidate and will advance patient safety and quality of care issues in the local environment.

3. Responsibilities of the Leape Fellow

- Meet with his/her mentor at the onset of their award year to identify specific areas of interest so the mentor can guide him/her towards other faculty members with similar interests.
- Identify at least two topics from the potential curriculum options as areas of interest.
- Undertake a quality improvement patient safety project to apply the theory and methodology that has been learnt and to improve a defined area of patient safety in their clinical or work environment.
- Submit a final report/paper to his/her mentor on the project, which will be publicised by ISQua.
- Deliver an online lecture/video conference/seminar at the end of his/her work, facilitated by ISQua.
- Keep a record of all expenditure for reconciliation with ISQua.

Eligibility

To be considered for this Programme, candidates must possess key skills and attributes. Candidates will be shortlisted based on their completed application form, and in particular, their *personal statement*. Successful candidates will then take part in an online interview with a panel of experts.

Candidates for the Leape Fellowship will be health professionals who:

- Are physicians who have completed their clinical training (speciality residency or equivalent) OR are Health Care Providers who have completed training, equivalent to a residency in their field of practice.
- Will commit to include patient safety as a core value of their future work in health care
- Have a written and signed commitment from their home institution to provide them with a role in the organisation's patient safety programme on completion of their Fellowship.
- Have completed the first year of the ISQua Fellowship Programme requirement, **OR** the HPM-affiliated Master's degree programme at the Harvard Chan School **OR** equivalent professional qualification in health policy or health management.
- Were born in **and** work in Africa, Latin America or any LMIC or MIC, as identified by the [World Bank](#).
- Have not been previously awarded an ISQua Education or Conference Fellowship.

Assessment

Applicants will be assessed on:

- The reason for the application
- The benefit of the Fellowship to the clinical or managerial role of the applicants
- The benefit of the Fellowship to the applicant's professional career
- The benefit of the Fellowship to healthcare and quality in his/her home country
- An assessment of an applicant's professional interest in Patient Safety

Key Skills and Attributes

- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Be from a lower/lower-middle-income country
- Be of good character with strong ethical integrity
- Experience in designing/implementing a quality improvement programme
- Dedication and motivation to quality improvement in healthcare

Required Documentation

- An up to date CV outlining your education and career to date (**3 pages maximum**)
- Two referees to be current or recent employers (please include email addresses)
- The completed application form with personal statement

- Commitment from your home institution to provide you with a role in the organisation's patient safety programme on completion of Fellowship.
- A letter of support from your employer, allowing you to retain employment while taking part in the programme.

Closing Date: 6th March 2020 5:00pm UTC
Incomplete and late applications can not be accepted