The Fellowship commemorates the contributions and personal qualities of David A. Winston who, for 20 years, played a significant role in shaping American health policy. Perhaps no one had a stronger influence on the issues that fueled the healthcare revolution of the 1980s than he did. David Winston served as a bridge between the public sector, which he knew well from long experience, and the private sector, in which he deeply believed. He moved comfortably and skillfully in either world. His advice and counsel were sought and accepted by leaders in both sectors. His knowledge and integrity earned him the respect and trust of the healthcare community.

David Winston began his career as a health policy advisor to the California State Legislature. After serving with the medical program and as Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Health, he joined the faculty of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, researching health services and policy analysis. He came to Washington, DC, in 1977 to serve as Minority Staff Director for the Senate Sub-Committee on Health and ultimately for the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

In 1980, David Winston was an important contributor to President Reagan’s transition strategy. He remained a consultant to the White House and was particularly influential in shaping the Administration’s position of deregulation and competition in the health sector.

David Winston moved to the private sector in 1981, focusing his energy on organizing the private sector and demonstrating that it could effectively communicate with and positively impact the federal policy making process. He served as president of the National Committee for Quality Health Care. At the time of his death in 1986, David Winston was Senior Corporate Vice President and head of the Washington office of Voluntary Hospitals of America.

“He was able to blend a very unique knowledge of health care issues in both the public and private sectors.”

~ Richard S. Schweiker, Former Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services
FELLOWSHIP OBJECTIVES

The objective of the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is to provide a unique opportunity to learn about the political system through direct exposure to public and private sector roles in health policy development. The Fellowship embodies Mr. Winston’s commitment to the public/private partnership necessary for a high quality, market oriented healthcare system.

The Fellowship is sponsored by the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship Board of Trustees and is administered in collaboration with the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is a 12-month postgraduate experience in Washington, DC. The first portion of the Fellowship is a planned rotation of at least three months during which the Fellows will visit various centers of current health policy development at the national level, and may include activities at nearby state capitals. During the final months, the Fellows will pursue a full-time placement with the guidance of the Winston Board of Directors, which is comprised of key policymakers from the private and public sectors.

This program gives the Fellows the advantage of the Board’s judgment and access, as well as an opportunity for personal initiative and exploration of a single issue.

THE PROGRAM

The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is a unique opportunity in that the program includes systematic exposure to organizations, associations, and coalitions in the private sector, as well as policy development centers in Congress and the Administration. A distinguished Board of Directors has the responsibility of helping assure the quality of the experience.
The Trustees will work with the Fellows to plan the orientation visits to key policy development centers during the first three months of the Fellowship. During the remaining nine months, the Fellows complete a full-time placement that allows them to gain first-hand experience in policymaking and explore current issues in depth.

ELIGIBILITY

- The David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship is open to students graduating in the 2015-2016 academic year with a minimum of a master's degree in any discipline, field, or profession.
- Individuals who do not possess previous health policy experience in Washington, DC will be given preference.
- The Fellowship is open to graduate students in any program, school, or department of a college or university that is a Full or Associate Candidate Member of AUPHA. You will find a complete list of member programs at www.winstonfellowship.org.

“...I hope that everyone involved with this fellowship realizes what a wonderful legacy you have created in honor of David Winston.... The Winston Fellowship will generate the next generation of health policy experts, and I will always be proud to say I was a Winston Fellow.”

~ Chad Shearer
2003 Winston Fellow

“The Fellowship was a wonderful opportunity that provided unparalleled access to health policy experts. Every day of my one-year stint, I met with individuals from the top of their field and learned about the nuances of the issues from them. The Fellowship continues to be a resource and asset for my career in health policy.”

~ Meghan Taira (below)
2002 Winston Fellow
APPLICATION PROCESS

Application materials should be submitted directly to the Winston Fellowship by the applicant via the website (www.winstonfellowship.org) no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on October 16, 2015. There is no limit to the number of individuals that may apply from a single program. The application requires the following:

- A current **resume**.

- A **statement of interest** that details your motivation for a career in health policy, a description of what you hope to gain from the Fellowship, and how your experiences and education will complement the *David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship*. The statement should not exceed 1,200 words.

- **Three letters of recommendation**, one from a current faculty member, one from a current or former supervisor, employer, or preceptor, and one from an individual who is knowledgeable about your academic and/or leadership experience.

- **Academic transcripts (both undergraduate and graduate)**. Transcripts may be photocopies and need not be sent through the university. Online grade reports **will not** be accepted unless sent directly from the registrar. A key to interpret coding on transcripts must accompany transcripts that do not use the A-F grading format.

- A narrative synopsis of your community involvement, including past and current **extracurricular and volunteer activities** in the community and on campus. Do not exceed one page.

“By providing unprecedented access to the health policy community in DC, the fellowship is like a ticket to a party that you didn’t even know existed, but that may change your life entirely once you do.”

~ Diana Birkett
2003 Winston Fellow
SELECTION PROCESS

Complete applications must reach AUPHA no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on October 16, 2015. Applications will be screened for completion and eligibility, then forwarded to the National Selection Committee.

The National Selection Committee will invite several nominees to Washington, DC for an interview on January 18, 2016. Interviews will only be conducted on this date and an offer will be extended that day.

The Committee is particularly interested in:

- Evidence of interest in a career to which a domestic health policy experience will contribute
- An academic record which reflects breadth and scholarship
- Evidence of resourcefulness and self-reliance
- Evidence of leadership
- Evidence of community involvement
- Evidence of maturity
- An understanding of the unique philosophy of the David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship
- Overall quality of application package

STIPENDS AND EXPENSES

The Fellowship winner(s) will be appointed to the staff of the AUPHA for purpose of salary and benefits administration.

The Fellowship stipend, which is taxable as regular income, is $4,250 per month. A benefits program is also provided. The Fellowship provides up to $2,500 for approved travel expenses incurred during Fellow’s required relocation to Washington, DC. A budget is provided for the Fellow to travel to conferences and meetings. All other expenses are the responsibility of the Fellow.

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

The Fellowship begins June 2016 and ends June 2017.

“To my knowledge, there is no other avenue that so fully immerses a post-graduate in the world of U.S. health policy. The experience is wholly unique, and it has taken me on a life path that I could not have conceived earlier, and probably would not have pursued, if it weren’t so generously presented to me. For anyone that is interested in entering the exciting and intellectually stimulating world of national health policy, and positively changing their professional lives in the process, this fellowship offers opportunities that are relatively endless.”

~ Jason D. Ormsby (below) 1999 Winston Fellow
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“The David Winston Fellowship provided me with an invaluable and unique opportunity to understand the nature of health policy development and implementation from the perspective of a diverse group of national health policy leaders. I am not aware of any other fellowship that provides such a rich and varied experience.”

~ Roslyne (Weiner) Schulman
1989 Winston Fellow

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Lydia Orth, MPH
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KT Kramer, JD, MHA
Tulane University

2013
Anne Dwyer, JD, MPH
University of Minnesota
Colin Goldfinch, MPH, MHA
University of Washington–Seattle

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Elizabeth Karan, JD, MPH
University of Minnesota
Yajuan Lu, JD
University of Pittsburgh
Swarna Vallurupalli, JD, MPH-HP
St. Louis University

2011
Miraya Jun, MSPH
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Jennifer Schmitzer, MPH
Yale University

2010
Erin Richardson, MA, JD
Columbia University
Catherine Oakar, MPH
University of Michigan

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John Barkett, MBA
University of Pennsylvania
Devon Trolley, MHA
Pennsylvania State University

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Andrew Roszak, JD, MPA
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Kelly Whitener, MPH
University of California–Los Angeles

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Elizabeth Lee, MPA
New York University
Tanchica Terry, MPH, MA
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Diana Birkett, MPA, MPA
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University of Iowa

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Meghan Taira, MPH
Yale University

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Indiana University

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Anna Fallieras, MPH
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