Background

The Association of American Medical Colleges is a not-for-profit association dedicated to transforming health care by supporting the entire spectrum of medical education, medical research, patient care, and community collaborations conducted by our member institutions.

The AAMC has embarked on a new strategic plan in part to address some of the significant challenges and opportunities in our country’s health, from rising health care costs to health care workforce shortages. The AAMC Research and Action Institute (institute), its new think tank, will undertake a number of these challenges and others affecting the health of our nation.

The Research and Action Institute seeks a Fellow in Residence to support and strengthen our research on the future of the health professions workforce. This research will be a partnership between the Fellow in Residence, the institute, and the AAMC’s Workforce Studies unit. The AAMC has a long track record of high-quality physician workforce research and seeks to continuously update and improve workforce projections, present new and innovative analyses, and identify future directions for research. The institute aims to build upon past AAMC workforce projections. Future work will further examine workforce issues from the perspective of the public, in addition to the perspectives of medical schools and teaching hospitals.

Details About the Opportunity

Scope of Work

- Writes 2 papers (primary author) in collaboration with institute and Workforce Studies staff:
  - White paper exploring historic physician workforce projections; and
  - Research paper on a policy relevant project, led by the fellow, which aligns with existing AAMC Workforce Studies and AAMC Research and Action Institute research priorities. May be submitted for peer review.

- Contributes to other relevant AAMC Research and Action Institute and Workforce Studies research projects as needed, such as reports based on physician workforce projections and supporting AAMC’s strategic priority to diversify the physician workforce.

- In consultation with institute and Office of Government Relations staff, conducts analyses of current and prospective Federal activities that affect the health workforce on an “as needed” basis.

- Gathers and incorporates input on all projects from internal and external subject matter experts.
• Participates in policy discussions and attends meetings, provides expertise via constructive feedback on relevant AAMC projects.

• Participates in AAMC conference sessions on the physician workforce (meetings may be virtual or in-person).

Preferred areas of expertise

• Physician workforce research
• Health workforce research
• Labor economics

Qualifications

• Master’s degree
• Previously published work on the health workforce (peer-reviewed or other)
• Experience with, and understanding of, multivariate statistical analysis using software such as SAS, SPSS, Stata and/or R

Additional Notes:
• The institute is especially interested in candidates who bring experience in health workforce research beyond the scope of the physician workforce.
• The institute seeks candidates who will bring a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives.
• The Fellow in Residence can work remotely and reside anywhere within the United States.
• This opportunity is on a contract basis. The Fellow in Residence will be compensated but is not eligible for AAMC benefits.

Timeframe

• January – December 2022 (negotiable based on fellow’s availability)
• Average 15-20 hours per week (will vary from week to week)

Expressing Interest

• If interested in this opportunity, please submit a cover letter and CV to institute@aamc.org by January 10th, 2022.