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The Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice

Thursday May 18 at 9:00 a.m. AEST/11:00 a.m. NZST.

There is no cost to attend the Webinar but registration is essential. Please register at: Registration URL: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/fc3c3f10de04b1fed746f627e8486654>

Presenters:

Robin Osborn (vice president and director, The Commonwealth Fund) will discuss how the Fellowship works, the program throughout the year, and eligibility.

David Squires (senior researcher, The Commonwealth Fund) will provide a brief overview of the U.S. health policy context.

Jane Hall (Director of Strategy, Centre for Health Economics and Research Evaluation, University of Technology Sydney) will speak about the Fellowship and its relevance to Australian applicants.

Robyn Whittaker (2010-11 New Zealand Harkness Fellow) will discuss her Harkness Fellowship experience, her project, and how the Harkness Fellowship changed her life, personally and professionally.

The Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice provide a unique opportunity for mid-career professionals—academic researchers, government policymakers, clinical leaders, hospital and insurance managers, and journalists—from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, and the United Kingdom—to spend up to 12 months in the United States working with leading experts to study health care delivery reforms and critical issues on the health policy agenda in both the U.S. and their home countries. The Commonwealth Fund brings together the full class of Fellows through the year to participate in a series of high level policy briefings and leadership seminars with health care leaders.

The deadline for receipt of applications from Australia and New Zealand is September 5, 2017.

Webinar Instructions

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About the Fellowship

The Commonwealth Fund invites promising mid-career professionals—government policymakers, academic researchers, clinical leaders, hospital and insurance managers, and journalists—from Australia and New Zealand to apply for a unique opportunity to spend up to 12 months in the United States as a Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice.

Fellows are placed with mentors who are leading U.S. experts at organizations such as Harvard University, Stanford University, Kaiser Permanente, the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement to study issues relevant to the Fund's mission to support a high performing health care system — insurance coverage, access, and affordability; health care delivery system reforms (e.g. bundled payments, accountable care organizations, innovative approaches to care for high need/high cost patients); cost containment; and other critical issues on the health policy agenda in both the U.S. and their home countries. A peer-reviewed journal article or policy report for Health Ministers and other high-level policy audiences is the anticipated product of the fellowship. Harkness Fellows have published their findings in top-tier journals, including: *BMJ*, *Health Affairs*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, and the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

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“The Harkness Fellowship is widely regarded as the pinnacle international program for health system researchers and policy leaders, and for very good reason. The Commonwealth Fund’s standing allows Fellows direct and unparalleled access to leading U.S. health care experts within government, academia, and provider organisations. My time at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) led to a publication in the New England Journal of Medicine and allowed me to build a strong network of U.S. and international collaborators that continues to this day. The Harkness Fellowship has been, and will continue to be, instrumental in my career development, and the bonds made with other Fellows will be long-lasting.”

-Adam Elshaug (2010-11 Harkness Fellow), Professor of Health Policy and Co-Director of the Menzies Centre for Health Policy, The University of Sydney

Each fellowship provides up to U.S. \$130,000 in support, which covers roundtrip airfare to the U.S., living allowance, project-related travel, travel to fellowship seminars, health insurance, and U.S. federal and state taxes. A family supplement (i.e. \$60,000 for partner and two children up to age 18) is also provided to cover airfare, living allowance, and health insurance.

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Learn more about the Fellowship:

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/grants-and-fellowships/fellowships/harkness-fellowships>

Please feel free to contact Robin Osborn (Director of the Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice) at ro@cmwf.org with any additional questions about eligibility, the project, or the application process.