

Report on the Jonas Doctoral Scholars Program March 2018

Since 2012, AACN has been partnering with the Jonas Philanthropies (Jonas Center) to enhance the nation's supply of doctorally prepared nurses available to serve in faculty roles and as advanced practice registered nurses providing direct patient care. This report addresses the activities and progress of the Jonas Doctoral Scholars Program from October 2017 – March 2018.

Jonas Doctoral Scholars Cohort V (2016-2018)

The 2017 Jonas Scholar Leadership Conference was held on October 29-31, 2017. The conference sessions focused on leadership, publishing, and environmental health. Based on conference evaluations, attendees indicated that their learning objectives were met and provided a score of 4.56 out of 5 points. In addition, the evaluations and comments provided reflect that the scholars enjoyed the conference and had opportunities to network and learn from national nursing experts. Over 400 students were in attendance at the event.

Jonas Doctoral Scholars Cohort VI (2018-2020)

On February 26, the application for the sixth cohort of Jonas Doctoral scholars was launched. This cohort will consist of 200 students. Of those, 180 scholars will be managed by AACN. Considering that this cohort of scholars will be smaller, the application process will be more competitive ensuring that the best candidates are selected. On March 6, a technical assistance webinar was offered to help answer any questions related to the application. The applications are due April 9, and all selected schools will be notified in early June. The program will kick off with an orientation webinar, which will be held in October 2018.

Jonas Scholars Alumni Program

AACN is currently working with the Jonas Center to host four regional meetings, which are open to current and alumni Jonas Scholars. These meetings will be held at the regional research society meetings and will focus on developing a greater connection between the Jonas Center and the scholars. The Jonas Alumni Advisory Council members have produced two newsletters, which were distributed in March 2017 and November 2017. These newsletters feature upcoming events, Jonas Center activities, and items highlighting the accomplishments and awards of current and alumni scholars. A call for applications will be launched in May for a new Advisory Council group whose members will serve a one-year term. In order to provide a seamless transition, members who were part of the original Advisory Council will continue to provide service for an additional year.