

Report on the Jonas Doctoral Scholars Program March 2016

Since 2012, AACN has been partnering with the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare (Jonas Center) to enhance the nation's supply of doctorally prepared nurses available to serve in faculty roles and the number of advanced practice nurses providing direct patient care. This report addresses the activities and progress of the Jonas Doctoral Scholars Program from October 2015 – March 2016.

Jonas Doctoral Scholars Cohort IV (2014-2016)

In October 2015, AACN and the Jonas Center hosted the 2015 Jonas Scholars Leadership Conference at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. Scholars had an opportunity to interact with the deans by joining the opening program sessions of the Fall Semiannual Meeting.

During the remainder of the conference, Scholars participated in sessions focused on nursing leadership, preparing for faculty and practice roles, writing for publication, and serving on boards. Overall conference evaluations reflected a great satisfaction with the programing and the speakers.

In January 2016, AACN staff worked to collect the third progress report from all Jonas Scholars, faculty advisors, and Jonas partner institutions. All reports were reviewed to ensure that Scholars were progressing through their programs and working on their leadership projects to meet the requirements of the scholarship, and that funds were being distributed properly to the Scholars.

The Scholars continue to use the collaboration community and receive various announcements through the site. They have also been able to use the site to connect with each other at other conferences. AACN staff is working with the Jonas Center to develop a Webinar for current and alumni Scholars, which will be offered in April.

Jonas Doctoral Scholars Cohort V (2016-2018)

The Jonas Cohort V application closed on October 15, 2015. There were 140 applications submitted. In late January 2016, schools were notified of their selection for the Jonas Scholars Program and received a grant agreement indicating the number of Scholars they have been awarded. The following number and type of Scholars were awarded for this cohort: 240 Jonas Nurse Leader PhD Scholars, 74 Jonas Nurse Leader DNP Scholars, 66 Jonas Veterans Healthcare PhD Scholars, 60 Jonas Veterans Healthcare DNP Scholars, 6 Donald Jonas PhD Legacy Scholars, and 2 Donald Jonas DNP Legacy Scholars for a total of 447 Scholars. This will be the largest cohort to date with Scholars representing 142 institutions.

Schools will be making their final Scholar selections, which should be submitted to AACN by the beginning of June. AACN will also work with Jonas Center staff to develop a leadership component for these Scholars.