

Report on the Jonas Doctoral Scholars Program March 2015

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 as advanced practice nurses. This report addresses the activities and progress of the Jonas Doctoral Scholars Program from October 2014–March 2015.

Jonas Doctoral Scholars Cohort IV (2014-2016)

AACN and the Jonas Center hosted two orientation Webinars in October 2014, which all scholars were required to attend. In addition, to help answer questions related to the required scholar leadership project, another Webinar was offered and led by Cathy Rick from the Jonas Center and Dr. Eileene Shake from the Center to Champion Nursing in America. Webinar recordings have been posted in the online collaboration community maintained by AACN, which serves as a central information resource for Jonas scholars and a venue for scholar networking.

In January 2015, the first progress report was due from each member of the latest cohort of Jonas scholars. Faculty advisors were also asked to submit a separate report outlining their scholar's progress. Finally, all institutions participating in this cohort were asked to identify how funds have been expended on a separate form. AACN staff collected the progress reports and sent out any necessary reminders to ensure all scholars, schools, and faculty advisors completed the required forms. AACN also helped answer and field any questions. A summary of all progress reports was provided to the Jonas Center.

In December 2014, AACN and the Jonas Center began drafting an agenda for the 2015 Jonas Scholar Leadership Conference. The scholars will have an opportunity to interact and network with deans who will be attending AACN's Fall Semiannual Meeting during program sessions scheduled on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Scholars received communication outlining the dates and location of the conference. AACN is preparing speaker invitations to go out this month.

Jonas Doctoral Scholars Cohort V (2016-2018)

Plans are underway to distribute information about the next cohort of Jonas scholars to all schools with doctoral. AACN provided enrollment information to the Jonas Center for all doctoral programs dating back to 2012. The plan is to send an announcement with the application for the new cohort by early April.