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## Deadline Approaching: 2017 Faculty Policy Intensive's Call for Applications

AACN will hold its fifth annual Faculty Policy Intensive (FPI) from October 30-November 1 in Washington, DC. This three-day immersion program is designed exclusively for AACN faculty members who wish to advance their expertise in health policy and implement the experience gained at FPI into their teaching and advocacy work. This year's FPI will concentrate on the applicants' expertise in one of the [AACN 2017-2018 Federal Policy Agenda](#) priority areas: Workforce, Higher Education, Models of Care, and Research. **Deadline for applications is April 17, 2017.** [Click here](#) for application information.



## Maintaining Support for Year-Round Pell

Last week, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said that restoring eligibility for year-round Pell grants is under consideration by the Trump Administration. This comes after the President [proposed a cancellation](#) of nearly \$4 billion of the estimated \$10.6 billion surplus from the program in Fiscal Year 2018. Year-round Pell grants have received bipartisan support in Congress, with efforts to include the measure in an appropriations bill that cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee last summer. The restoration of year-round Pell grants would be beneficial for nursing students enrolled in programs that require courses throughout the summer. AACN is committed to [supporting this initiative](#) and is engaging with higher education colleagues to raise awareness.



## Two Students Selected as AACN Grassroots Ambassadors

Two attendees of AACN's 2017 [Student Policy Summit](#) were chosen as the winners of the [Grassroots Student Ambassador Prize](#). **Kelsey Mumford**, a BSN student at the University of Texas at Austin, and **Kerri Nelson**, a DNP student at Pennsylvania State University, were selected based on their proposals to use the skills they acquired at the summit to create a campaign and engage others in grassroots advocacy. Ms. Mumford will be advocating for opt-out organ donation in Texas, and Ms. Nelson will be focusing on raising awareness for rare disorders. On behalf of all the contributors to the seventh edition of the award-winning book, *Policy and Politics in Nursing and Health Care*, who so generously donate their time to advance nurses' knowledge of health policy and political action, the editors of the book, Diana J. Mason, Frieda Outlaw, Deborah Gardner, Eileen O'Grady, and its publisher, Elsevier, are pleased to sponsor this grassroots opportunity.

