

Postdoctoral Scholars Islamic Bioethics and Muslim Health Research

The Initiative on Islam and Medicine at the University of Chicago invites applications for Postdoctoral Scholars in Islamic Bioethics and Muslim Health Research.

This 1-year program, which will commence in the summer/fall of 2018, prepares scholars with the knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders in the field of Islamic bioethics and gain a broad set of health services research skills. Scholars will spend the equivalent of 12 months in full-time residence at the University of Chicago. During their residence, Scholars will pursue an individualized and tailored learning plan involving didactic courses, directed tutorials, and mentored hands-on research experiences.

Scholars will be expected to participate in and deploy their new-found research skills in the conduct of survey- and/or interview-based research (i.e. test the effectiveness of a tailored educational intervention in increasing knowledge about organ donation among Muslim Americans, target and ameliorate healthcare disparities in the Muslim American community by equipping Muslim community leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to effectively engage in mosque-based programming, and Islamic bioethics projects such as end-of-life care decision-making). In addition, scholars will be expected to present abstracts at local, national or international meetings, and produce at least 2 manuscripts for publication in the peer-reviewed press.

Scholars will receive an annual stipend and benefits.

The core experience includes:

- **Bioethics Training.** The scholar will have the opportunity to take directed intensive courses and workshops in bioethics through the MacLean Center, in Islamic bioethics through the Initiative on Islam and Medicine, and he/she will attend seminars through the Program on Medicine and Religion.
- **Research Training.** The scholar will have the opportunity to take directed intensive courses and workshops in outcomes research through the Center of Health and Social Sciences at the University of Chicago as well as a series of short courses covering survey, quantitative, and qualitative research methodology through the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. There will be directed learning of research methods and workshop tutorials with Dr. Padela and his team.
- **Teaching/Service.** The scholar will participate in educational workshops through the Initiative on Islam and Medicine and co-teach at least one course for the Program on Medicine and Religion in the MacLean Center and/or the Divinity School.

Application Requirements:

Applications are invited from those who have or will have completed a doctoral degree (MD, PhD or equivalent) by July 1, 2018. Doctorates may be in any relevant field, including but not limited to medicine, public health, psychology, philosophy, sociology, or anthropology.

A completed application includes each of the following: online application, CV, personal statement, and 2 LORs. Applications are due February 28th, 2018. Participants that pass a preliminary screening will be asked to attend a phone interview.

For additional information about the program please contact Initiative on Islam and Medicine at initiative.islam.medicine@gmail.com.

