



International Society for Quality in Health Care

The Lucian Leape Patient Safety Fellowship

Information

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The International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) is offering applicants who were born in and work in any low- and lower-middle-income countries the opportunity to apply for the 2024 Lucian Leape Fellowship.

Introduction

The Lucian Leape Patient Safety Fellowship has been awarded to healthcare leaders since 2019. The 2024 programme will support two physicians or healthcare leaders to advance and expand their expertise in patient safety and improve the safety of patients in their local area. This is a joint initiative between ISQua and the Lucian Leape Foundation.

The programme is clinically oriented and designed to provide the Leape Fellow with additional training in the theory of Patient Safety Science and interventions to improve patient safety. This will include enrolment in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) 2-year Master's Degree in Quality and Safety in Healthcare Management -

<https://www.rcsi.com/online/courses/quality-and-safety-in-healthcare-management/why-rcsi-online>.

What is involved in this Programme?

1. Knowledge and Skills development

The Leape Fellow will be assigned a suitable mentor at the start of the programme. Mentors may be ISQua Experts or members of the International Academy of Quality and Safety in Health Care (IAQS). There will be between three and six virtual meetings between the mentor and Fellow each year.

2. Responsibilities of the Leape Fellow

- Meet with his/her mentor at the onset of their award year to identify specific areas of interest so the mentor can guide him/her in implementing a project during/after the completion of the Master's Degree.
- Undertake a quality improvement patient safety project to apply the theory and methodology that has been learned and to improve a defined area of patient safety in their clinical or work environment.
- Submit a final report/paper to his/her mentor on the project, which will be publicised by ISQua.
- Deliver an online lecture/video conference/seminar at the end of his/her work, facilitated by ISQua.
- Keep a record of all expenditure for reconciliation with ISQua.

Eligibility

To be considered for this Programme, candidates must possess key skills and attributes. Candidates will be shortlisted based on their completed application form, and in particular, their *personal statement*. Successful candidates will then take part in an online interview with a panel of experts.

Candidates for the Leape Fellowship will be health professionals who:

- Are physicians who have completed their clinical training (specialty residency or equivalent) OR are Health Care Providers who have completed training equivalent to a residency in their field of practice.
- Will commit to include patient safety as a core value of their future work in health care.
- Have a written and signed commitment from their home institution to provide them with a role in the organisation's patient safety programme on completion of their Fellowship.
- Have completed the first year of the ISQua Fellowship Programme requirement, **OR** the HPM-affiliated Master's degree programme at the Harvard Chan School **OR** equivalent professional qualification in health policy or health management.
- Were born in **and** work in an LMIC or LIC, as identified by the [World Bank](#).
- Have not been previously awarded a similar ISQua Fellowship

Assessment

Applicants will be assessed on:

- The reason for the application
- The benefit of the Fellowship to the clinical or managerial role of the applicants
- The benefit of the Fellowship to the applicant's professional career
- The benefit of the Fellowship to healthcare and quality in his/her home country
- An assessment of an applicant's professional interest in Patient Safety

Key Skills and Attributes

- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Be from a low/lower-middle-income country.
- Be of good character with strong ethical integrity
- Dedication and motivation to quality improvement in healthcare
- Some experience in designing/implementing a quality improvement programme

Required Documentation

- An up-to-date CV outlining your education and career to date (**3 pages maximum**)
- Two referees to be current or recent employers (please include email addresses)
- A completed application form with a personal statement
- Commitment from your home institution to provide you with a role in the organisation's patient safety programme on completion of the Fellowship.
- A letter of support from your employer, allowing you to retain employment while taking part in the programme.

Closing Date: 15th March 2024 5:00pm UTC

Candidates will be notified of results on or before 11th April 2024

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted