



REACH

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Recognizing and
Eliminating Disparities in
Addiction Through
Culturally Informed
Healthcare

2026-2027 Scholar Application

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the REACH 2.0 Scholar Program. This immersive program is a 12-month training experience for medical students, residents, and fellows with innovative and unique perspectives-especially those who have faced historical challenges-who are interested in becoming leaders in addiction medicine or psychiatry. Please read the following instructions carefully before you begin your application.

Review the Application FAQ

We encourage all applicants to review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document before beginning the application to ensure a smooth and informed submission process.

Prepare All Materials

Make sure you have all required attachments and answers ready before you hit the "Submit" button. Once submitted, you will not be able to go back and make any changes to your application.

Review Your Application

Before submitting, take a moment to review all your information, ensuring everything is accurate and complete.

Submit Once Complete

Once you are satisfied with your application, click Submit to finalize your submission.

Once you begin the application, you must complete it in one session. There is no option to save and return later.

Questions?

If you have any questions during the application process, please feel free to contact us at REACH2.0@acaam.org.

Deadline for applications is January 5, 2026 midnight ET



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Section 1: Applicant Information:

What is your full name? (First, Last, Suffix)

Please share your preferred name?

Please list your institution/organization

Please provide your mailing address (street, city, state, zip code)

Please provide the best number to reach you

Please provide your email address (we will use this email to contact you about the REACH 2.0 application process)

How did you hear about the REACH 2.0 Program?

-Internet search

-Reach 2.0 website

-Program Director, Dean of Students or Training Director

-REACH 2.0 Scholar or alum

-Professional group conference or professional organization

-Other

Section 2: Eligibility

To be eligible for the REACH Program, applicants must be:

- Individuals with innovative and unique perspectives, especially those who have faced historical challenges
- Be in training as of July 1, 2026, and enrolled through June 2027
- Hold U.S. citizenship or permanent residency
- Willing to commit to the following program expectations:
 - Attend and participate in monthly virtual events (trainings, panel discussions, and Health and Wellness Sessions) throughout the program year
 - Attend the Welcome Intensive Workshop in July 2026 (travel stipends provided)



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- Attend at least one addiction conference over the course of the year (funding provided via stipend)
- Commit to meeting with your assigned Near Peer and Mentor at least once per quarter each
- Participate in program evaluation activities (including pre- and post-training surveys, mid-year/exit surveys, and qualitative interviews)
- Complete a Scholarly Project (stipends are provided for approved activities)

Please note: If you answer "No" to any of the questions below, you are not eligible to be involved in REACH 2.0 and do not need to complete your application. Thank you for your interest.

Are you available to begin in July 2026 and participate for the full duration of the program?

Are you a US citizen or permanent resident?

Are you willing to commit to attending monthly virtual networking events, including trainings, webinars, panel discussions, and Health and Wellness sessions, throughout the program year?

Are you able to attend a 4-day in-person Welcome Intensive Workshop in July 2026?

Are you willing to **participate in program evaluation activities** (including pre- and post-training surveys, mid-year/exit surveys, and qualitative interviews)?

Are you willing to **conduct a scholarly project** to be completed over one year that directly aims to improve health outcomes for patients with substance use disorders?

Are you willing to meet virtually with your assigned Near Peer and REACH 2.0 Mentor at least four times throughout the year? Note: When applicable, consistent communication with a local mentor is expected.

Section 3: Education, Residency & Fellowship:



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This section is to learn more about your experiences and will be used to ensure that scholars have access to a diverse range of practitioners, settings, and populations served. This will also help in the mentor matching process.

At the time of this application, are you currently:

- Medical student
- Medical resident
- Medical fellow

What will your status be July 1, 2026?

- Medical student
- Medical resident
- Medical fellow

What is your current program year/year of training?

- Medical student Year 1
- MS 2
- MS 3
- MS 4
- MS 5
- Post Graduate Year 1
- PGY 2
- PGY 3
- PGY 4
- PGY 5
- Other, please specify below

If selected "other" above, please specify

As of July 2026, please indicate your level of training:

- MS 1
- MS 2
- MS 3
- MS 4
- MS 5
- PGY 1



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- PGY 2
- PGY 3
- PGY 4
- PGY 5
- Other, please specify below

If selected "other" above, please specify

In July 2026, what will your institution/organization be? If this is unknown or doesn't apply, please enter N/A.

Please describe the populations/individuals you primarily serve (500 characters).

Where will you be located for training in 2026-2027? Select all that apply.

- NA-Not employed
- State/county/jurisdiction/territorial/tribal government
- SUD treatment program
- SUD prevention program
- Community recovery support program
- Group Home
- Transitional/supported living facility
- Mental health clinic or treatment program (Community mental health program)
- Community health/Community health coalition
- Community Coalition
- Primary care
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Hospital
- State or private psychiatric hospital
- Aging Services Network
- Skilled nursing facility
- Criminal justice/corrections (court, prison, jail, probation, TASC)
- Military/VA
- Higher Education setting
- Elementary or secondary education setting
- Community-based organization (including faith-based organizations)
- Self-employed (any type of business)



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- Farm or rural establishment
- Family-run or consumer-run organization
- Homecare
- Shelter
- Government
- Other (please specify) Textbox

Of the above, which will be your primary/principal setting?

Section 4: Interest & Commitment

How has your personal experience informed your decision to pursue a career in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry. (3,000 characters or less)

Describe your interest in becoming a REACH 2.0 Scholar and what you hope to achieve by participating in the program? (3,000 characters or less)

Describe your experience providing substance use disorder diagnosis, treatment, or prevention services for patients from vulnerable populations. If you don't have experience at this level of training, please explain what you hope to learn. (3,000 characters or less)

Describe your career goals and how they align with the REACH 2.0 program's goals. (3,000 characters or less)

Section 5: Required Materials

Please upload your CV

Please upload your Scholarly Project Proposal (1 page)

Please upload your Statement of Participation

Please upload your Letter of Recommendation 1

Please provide the recommender's full name



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Please provide the recommender's Institution

Please provide the recommender's email

Please upload your Letter of Recommendation 2

Please provide the recommender's full name

Please provide the recommender's Institution

Please provide the recommender's email

Please note that the recommender may receive an email from the REACH 2.0 team for validation.

Section 6: Additional Information

REACH 2.0 is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to support full participation by eligible Scholars. Do you require any accommodations to fully engage in the program? If this does not apply, please enter N/A.

Is there anything else that wasn't captured on the application that you would like to share? Please feel free to share something fun about yourself.

Conclusion:

Thank you for expressing interest in participating in the REACH 2.0 Program. We look forward to reviewing your application. We will notify you once a decision has been made.

If you have any questions, please contact us at REACH2.0@acaam.org.