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Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine (KNN) Announces Faculty Scholars Program: Advancing Innovation and Flourishing in Health Care

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The Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine (KNN) is excited to announce the launch of the KNN Faculty Scholars program for the 2025-2026 cycle. This initiative strives to advance educational innovation and promote flourishing within health professions education.

The KNN Faculty Scholars program is designed to nurture emerging leaders who seek to embody lifelong learning, whole-person growth and human-centered innovation — advocating for the needs of patients, clinicians, educators, trainees and learners. This fellowship offers experiential learning, educational project work, scholarship and personal and professional development through the rich curriculum from the Harvard Macy Institute Program for Educators in Health Professions, complemented by mentorship, guidance and expertise from the KNN. The fellowship encourages participants to explore themes such as Educational Theory & Practice, Curriculum Design, and Leadership & Change Management through the lens of human flourishing.

"We are committed to cultivating an inclusive environment where emerging leaders can thrive," said Director Sarah Wood of the Harvard Macy Institute at Harvard Medical School. "Engaging with organizations that share our commitment to supporting health professions educators and the future health care workforce is an important step forward."

"Emerging leaders are a wellspring of talent, dedication and passion, with the power to transform health professions education and practice for generations to come. It is an honor to engage with the Harvard Macy Institute to provide formative learning experiences and connections to encourage faculty on the path of becoming champions and leaders who advance flourishing for all," said Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD, Founding Director of the KNN as well as Interim Provost, Stephen and Shelagh Roell Endowed Chair, Professor, and Senior Vice President for Strategic Academic Partnerships at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The selected fellow(s) will participate in the eight-month HMI Program for Educators in Health Professions, which features immersive sessions at Harvard Medical School, supplemented by online continuity sessions. These faculty scholars will join a community of international educators, and their passion for advancing health professions education will permeate the educational environment of the Institute and foster new collaborative relationships. Faculty scholars will have opportunities to integrate the elements of character, caring and practical wisdom toward flourishing into their educational projects. The KNN will provide ongoing support and opportunities to engage with national efforts, including national meetings, virtual seminars and communities of practice.

Applications are now open for individuals interested in becoming a KNN Faculty Scholar for 2025-2026. Prospective applicants should visit the website for full details and submit their materials for initial screening. The **application deadline is May 28, 2025**, with **awardees announced on July 1, 2025**.

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