

United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative

Investing in a 21st century health workforce

The United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative works to create a more relevant health workforce, particularly in underserved communities, by increasing the number of primary care health providers ready to deliver personalized, culturally competent care.

Research shows that patients are more open to receiving care and guidance from practitioners of their own race or ethnicity. These findings indicate that greater diversity among health professionals may improve health and health care delivery in underrepresented communities. The United Health Foundation is working to cultivate a 21st century health workforce that reflects our society at large to provide a diverse perspective, enhancing communication, health care access and patient satisfaction while decreasing health disparities and improving health outcomes. In addition to improving access and affordability, we are working to ensure that all communities receive the best quality of care to improve outcomes.

Our scholars

The Diverse Scholars Initiative invests in the 21st century health workforce by providing multiyear financial support, internship and mentor programs and annual scholar forums in Washington, D.C.

Since the program was launched in 2007, the United Health Foundation has provided more than \$23 million in assistance and funded nearly 3,000 scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. In addition to demonstrating financial need, scholars must be pursuing a degree that will lead to a career as a primary care health professional and indicate a commitment to working in underserved communities and community health centers.

Our partners

United Health Foundation partners with nine nonprofit and civic organizations to provide scholarships to diverse scholars across the country:

American Indian College Fund

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholars

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

Jackie Robinson Foundation

National Association of Hispanic Nurses

National Hispanic Health Foundation

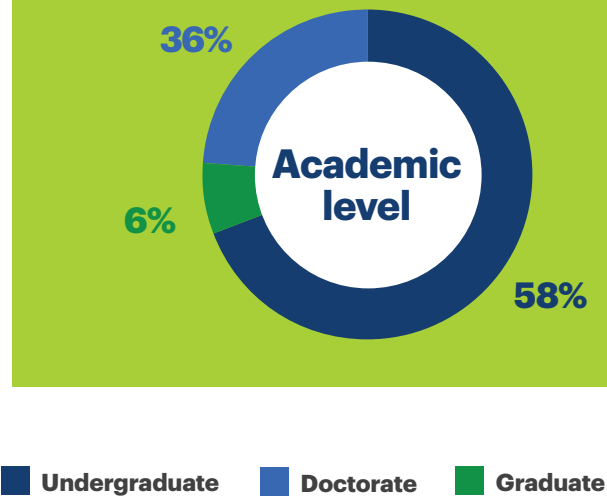
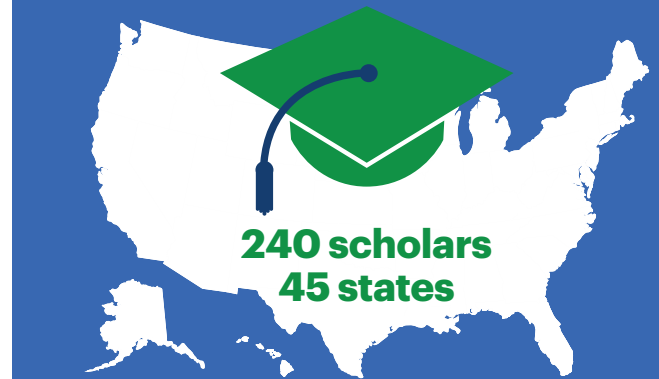
National Medical Fellowships

United Negro College Fund

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2020 Diverse Scholars by the Numbers



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