

Supporting Dedicated Leaders IHPI's Scholars Program



The NEED

Many breast cancer patients who have their second breast removed as a precaution don't need the double mastectomy, U-M Associate Professor of Internal Medicine Sarah Hawley, Ph.D., M.P.H., discovered recently when she evaluated the records of more than 1,400 women. She found that nearly 7 out of 10 who underwent preventive removal of their healthy breast were not at high risk of cancer in the unaffected breast. That kind of insight and knowledge changes standards of care — and it improves lives.

Today, our nation's health care system faces tremendous challenges and even greater opportunities as we strive to improve quality and safety, reduce costs and increase access to medical services. The U-M Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI) has been designed to meet that demand — and to enhance the health and well-being of local, national and global populations.

The VISION

IHPI has brought together one of the world's largest communities of physicians, health scientists and policy analysts studying how health care works and how it can be improved. More than 400 health service researchers from across the university work with researchers from not-for-profit and private-sector organizations. These multidisciplinary teams focus on four key priorities: evaluating the impact of health care reform, promoting greater value in

health care, improving the health of communities, and innovating in information technology and care delivery.

The OPPORTUNITY

Health services researchers like Dr. Hawley require seed funding and long-term support to make breakthroughs in advancing standards of care and health care policy. IHPI has developed the Scholars Program to fuel the promise of such dedicated leaders — and to encourage students to engage in this transformational work. It is a catalyst for students and promising junior faculty to pursue knowledge and advance new discoveries in health care. The IHPI Scholars Program provides support for:

IHPI Undergraduate Scholars: With your support of \$10,000, we provide an 8- to 10-week summer research experience for undergraduate students of any discipline, in which they are matched with an IHPI mentor and develop a health services research project with an interdisciplinary focus.

IHPI Graduate Scholars: A gift of \$15,000 will fund an 8- to 10-week summer fellowship program for graduate students from any discipline, giving them an opportunity to expand their business, public health, engineering, nursing, policy and other experiences into health services research topics. We offer targeted workshops on health services research and networking opportunities with colleagues and mentors.

IHPI Junior Faculty Scholars: The Junior Scholars Program provides crucial funding for early-career faculty pursuing research in IHPI's priority areas. There is a pressing need to support the next generation of our best and brightest clinician-scientists and researchers. This program, which provides \$50,000 a year for three years, offers an opportunity for them to establish their credentials in order to secure new funding in the future.

YOU CAN BE A VICTOR

Gifts to the IHPI Scholars Program will be used to encourage creative thinking and problemsolving through experiential learning, and to recruit and retain the very best minds in health care research across the campus. Please inquire about opportunities to celebrate your dedication to this program by naming an award or the IHPI Scholars Program. With your support, we can accelerate health care toward a better future.

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