



HOME VISITING RESEARCH DISCOVERY PROGRAM

The Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative (HARC) is launching a mentoring program to increase home visiting practitioner involvement in research. Through this program, HARC will mentor a cohort of 4-6 home visiting practitioners (including direct service providers, supervisors and administrators) who have an interest and investment in home visiting research.

This program aims to enhance the home visiting field by strengthening the research knowledge and skills of a cohort of practitioners. Strong candidates for this program are home visiting practitioners who are interested in: a) using research to inform practice; b) enhancing their capacity to engage in research, or c) exploring a future career in research. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from home visiting researchers about emerging issues in the home visiting research field and various strategies or methodologies used in home visiting research. Participants will also discuss and consider how they can apply their skills and expertise to improve research, explore research opportunities, and share knowledge with researchers working in different settings. The program will run from January 2026 to December 2026.

Specifically, HARC Practitioner-Scholars will:

- Participate in monthly, 90-minute small group virtual sessions focusing on home visiting research and professional development. As part of these sessions, they will:
 - Receive mentoring to develop an individualized career plan focused on integrating home visiting research and practice, developing a home visiting research career, or other goal for enhancing their knowledge of home visiting research;
 - Complete a practice-to-research or research-to-practice product (i.e., 1-2 page infographic, poster or similar) in the home visiting arena that will inform practice, policy or research; and
 - Engage with home visiting researchers.
- Discuss research needs of home visiting programs with the HARC Leadership Team
- Participate as a cohort in one in-person meeting (costs for travel will be covered; it will be scheduled based on all participant availability)
- Receive a certificate of completion upon the end of the program
- Participate in HARC webinars (encouraged but optional)

- Participate in HARC Special Interest Groups (encouraged but optional)

Time commitment: Participants will be expected to participate in monthly 90-minute meetings, attend one in-person meeting (2-3 days), and develop a 1-2 page final product.

Eligibility: Applicants must have at least 2 years of home visiting practice experience (as direct service provider, supervisor, and/or administrator), with a maximum of 10 years of experience. Applicants should be invested and interested in home visiting research, but no prior research experience is required.

If we receive more applicants than we can accept, we will aim to select applicants with experience with different home visiting programs (e.g., evidence-based models, small community-based programs) and communities. We encourage applicants from all backgrounds and experiences.

Applications: Please submit by **November 3, 2025:** 1) a cover letter describing your experience in home visiting, interest in home visiting research, and long-term career plans; 2) a current resume; and 3) a letter from your supervisor confirming that you have agency support and the required time to participate in this program. The HARC Leadership Team will review applications and interview qualified candidates. We expect to make decisions by **December 20, 2025**. Please submit your materials using this link:

https://jh.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VpNt7xBs5BwdFQ. Contact harc@hvresearch.org with any questions.