

The Maryland Higher Education Commission Announces \$2.3 Million in New Nursing Faculty Fellowships

BALTIMORE, Maryland – (November 15, 2022) Maryland’s Higher Education Secretary, Dr. James D. Fielder, announced the Nurse Support Program II (NSP II) will administer \$2.3 million in faculty funding to continue increasing Maryland’s academic capacity to educate nurses.

“These awards help the nurse faculty receive additional certification, expanding their knowledge and maintaining the ability to stay on the cutting edge of medical innovation,” Governor Larry Hogan said.

There are 46 newly nominated nursing faculty receiving the New Nursing Faculty Fellowship (NNFF) and will be awarded a total of \$50,000, over a five-year period. The recipients will receive \$10,000 this year and \$10,000 each consecutive year. In addition, 148 previously awarded nurse faculty received their ongoing disbursements, of \$10,000 each, based on continued full-time employment in good standing.

“This program allows new nursing faculty to have a competitive advantage regarding the technological advancements available and provide a workforce that is equipped with the tools required to meet the countless demands on our hospitals and healthcare providers,” Secretary Fielder said.

The NNFF awards, totaling \$2,300,000, were in response to 65 nomination requests from the Maryland Deans and Directors of Nursing Programs. There were 46 awards made among ten universities and eight community colleges in Maryland, and include:

- Bowie State University
- Coppin State University
- Frostburg State University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Morgan State University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Salisbury University
- Stevenson University
- Towson University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore
- Allegany College of Maryland
- Anne Arundel Community College
- College of Southern Maryland
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Frederick Community College
- Howard Community College
- Montgomery College
- Prince George’s Community College

This is an annual awarding process instituted in 2005, with new nominations due every August.

“The program is recognized as an effective recruitment and retention tool for new nurse faculty across the state, while showing an increase in the number of awards going to our underrepresented groups in nursing including men,” NSP II Administrator Dr. Peg E. Daw said.

The recipients are evaluated at the 5-year mark of employment, where findings indicate nine out of ten remain employed full-time at a Maryland nursing program.

The Nurse Support Program is funded by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) and administered by MHEC. Over the years, the Nurse Support Program, both NSP I and NSP II (originally Nurse Education Support Program) has been expanded to encourage new and innovative approaches to address the challenges and demands facing nursing.

To learn more about the NSP II, please go to <https://nursesupport.org/nurse-support-program-ii/grants/statewide-initiatives/-new-nursing-faculty-fellowship-nnff-/>