

Jeffrey Wickliffe named an Emerging Leader in Health and Medicine by National Academy of Medicine

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The [National Academy of Medicine](#) (NAM) today announced the 2019 Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Scholars. [Dr. Jeffrey Wickliffe](#), associate professor of global environmental health sciences, was among the ten scholars named. These individuals are early- to mid-career professionals from a wide range of health-related fields, from microbiology and surgery to sociology and biomedical engineering.

“This is truly a great honor,” says Wickliffe. “I’ve had tremendous support from our faculty and from numerous colleagues and mentors in getting to this point. I would like to specifically thank Dr. Maureen Lichtveld from Tulane and Dr. Bernard Goldstein from the University of Pittsburgh for their unwavering encouragement. To be selected as an ELHM scholar and be a part of such an amazing and talented group of scientists, researchers, and scholars is quite humbling and very exciting. I am really looking forward to participating in the ELHM program and learning from some of the best scientists in health and medicine.”

The scholars are an essential part of a major NAM initiative, the [Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine Program](#), which provides a platform for a new generation of leaders to collaborate with the NAM and its members across generations and fields of expertise to advance science, combat persistent challenges in health and medicine, and spark transformative change to improve health for all.

Young leaders in this program are selected by NAM leadership to engage in a variety of activities throughout the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (National Academies) over a three-year term, beginning on July 1, 2019, for

this new class. Activities include biannual meetings in Washington, D.C., with NAM leadership; planning an annual Emerging Leaders Forum; participating in National Academies convening activities; publishing NAM Perspectives; and attending the NAM's annual meeting each October.

“Selected to the National Academy of Medicine’s Emerging Leaders in Health and Medicine program for their leadership qualities, these extraordinary individuals represent the next generation of leading scientists, health care providers, public health professionals, and policymakers, who are poised to shape the future of science, medicine, and health equity,” said NAM President Victor J. Dzau. “I welcome these exceptional professionals into our network of young leaders and look forward to their valuable input to accelerate innovative and cross-disciplinary activities addressing some of the most pressing challenges in health and medicine.”