History and Organization of HPTN Scholars Program

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History

• Need to increase the number of trained & mentored scholars from under represented racial & ethnic group committed to HIV prevention research.

• The Scholars’ program was established in 2010 with 6 Scholars signed on for the 2010 – 2011 year.

• Year 2 of the Scholars’ program welcomed back 5 of the previous 6 scholars for a second year.

• Year 2 also brought changes to structure and leadership of the program.

• Year 3 of the Scholars’ program has 7 all new scholars.
The goals of the program are

- HPTN Scholars will acquire new knowledge, skills and abilities to further their careers as independent investigators in HIV science
- Complete a research project by end of the program year, presenting findings at annual meeting and submitting a manuscript for publication
- Become knowledgeable of research process in NIH-funded HIV networks, providing the opportunity to continue in the HPTN after the scholarship as members of a protocol team or by proposing new science
Organization of Scholars’ Program

• Leadership
  – Sten Vermund – Vanderbilt University
  – Darrell Wheeler – Loyola University
  – Sam Griffith – FHI 360
  – Sarah Artis – FHI 360

• CTU/CRS Affiliations
Scholars

- Risha Irvin
- Russell Brewer
- Zandraetta Tims-Cook
- Typhanye Penniman
- LaRon Nelson
- Yvonne Carter
- Andres Bedoya
- Grace Hall
- Chevy Williams
- Brooke Montgomery
- Oni Blackstock
- Sophia Hussen
- Malika Roman-Isler