What
The Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) was founded in 1997 with a mission to enhance the health and well-being of rural populations in Indiana through leadership, education, advocacy, collaboration, and resource development. As we strive to fulfill our mission, we have established the IRHA Fellowship Program. This program is targeted to students (upper level undergraduate education through graduate/professional school) and early career professionals to better connect with rural leaders around the state and obtain a more comprehensive understanding of public health and healthcare in rural Indiana.

Objectives
The objectives of this fellowship are:
1. To understand and describe the current status of public health and healthcare in rural Indiana and the country.
2. To develop connections with Indiana’s rural health leaders.
3. To complete a special project with intensive mentorship from IRHA staff that will be presented to IRHA Board of Directors.

Program Structure
The fellowship cohort will meet in-person three times:
1. January 20th, 2020: Initial fellowship meeting, Indianapolis
4. December 2020: Presentation to IRHA Board of Directors, Indianapolis

Participants will also be invited to attend the IRHA Spring into Quality or Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center’s Annual Conference based on interest and feedback from IRHA mentor. IRHA will cover registration, meals during events, and lodging (for fellows traveling more than 30 miles from an event). Fellows will need to provide their own transportation for the events.

Fellows will also engage in monthly Zoom calls with fellowship leadership and other fellows for discussion of special project and current rural health and healthcare trends occurring throughout the state. Average time commitment for successful participation in this program will be 5-10 hours a month.

How to Apply/Questions
If you are interested in applying to be a member of the IRHA fellowship program, please go to [https://tinyurl.com/2020irhafellowsapplication](https://tinyurl.com/2020irhafellowsapplication) and complete the application. Applications are due by October 15th. Those selected for the 2020 cohort will be notified by December 1st.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Trevor Cunningham at tcunningham@indianarha.org.