

2007–2008 Call for Applications

Deadline

October 12, 2007



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars

Purpose

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars** program is designed to build the nation's capacity for research, leadership and policy change to address the broad range of factors that affect health. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon collaboration and exchange among the social, behavioral, biological and health sciences. Its goal is to improve health by training scholars to:

- investigate rigorously the connections among genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic and social determinants of health; and
- develop, evaluate and disseminate knowledge and interventions based upon integration of these determinants.

The program is intended to produce leaders who will change the questions asked, the methods employed to analyze problems and the range of solutions to reduce population health disparities and improve the health of all Americans.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, scholars must:

- have completed doctoral training by the time of entry into the program (August or September 2008) in one of a variety of fields including, but not limited to, the behavioral and social sciences, the biological and natural sciences, health professions, public policy, public health, history and ethics;
- have significant research experience;
- clearly connect their research interests to substantive population health concerns; and
- be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be considered in evaluating applicants:

- Potential to contribute creatively to the field of population health.
- Demonstrated openness to new ideas.
- Demonstrated critical thinking skills.
- An active interest in interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Commitment to a career consistent with the program's purpose and goals.
- Quality of past research.
- Leadership potential.
- Ability to take advantage of this program's opportunities.
- Recommendations by faculty and other individuals with whom the applicant has studied or worked.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **October 12, 2007**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **January 2008**
Notification of acceptance.
- **August or September 2008**
Entry of scholars into the program at participating universities.

Inquiries

Inquiries should be directed to hss@rwjf.org.

www.healthandsocietyscholars.org

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the full call for applications brochure at www.rwjf.org/cfp/healthandsocietyscholars.

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation visit Grant Applications at www.rwjf.org.

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Total Awards

- Up to 18 scholars will be selected to begin training in August or September 2008 at one of six nationally prominent universities: Columbia University; Harvard University; University of California, San Francisco and Berkeley; University of Michigan; University of Pennsylvania; and University of Wisconsin for the two-year appointments that will begin in the fall semester of 2008.
- Scholars will receive an annual stipend of \$83,000 in year one and \$86,000 in year two.

How to Apply

Individuals must apply online through the program's Web site.

Additional information and instructions may be obtained by contacting:

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