

2010–2011 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

November 13, 2008



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

Purpose

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program provides the nation's most comprehensive experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in Washington, D.C. The fellowship is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy. Fellows experience and participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care and health policy.

Eligibility Criteria

Exceptional midcareer professionals from academic faculties and nonprofit health care organizations who are interested in experiencing the health policy process at the federal level are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have earned an advanced degree in one of the following disciplines: allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; medicine; nursing; public health; or social and behavioral health. *Applicants whose official job description or responsibilities are primarily government relations or advocacy are ineligible to apply.*

Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories at the time of application. We embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity in this program and encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds.

Applicants may apply from an eligible sponsoring institution (Track 1) or as an individual (Track 2). Nonprofit health care organizations and academic centers are eligible sponsors.

Selection Criteria

Fellows will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Professional achievements.
- Potential for leadership in health policy.
- Potential for future growth and career advancement.
- Interpersonal and communication skills.
- Individual plans for incorporating the fellowship experience into specific career goals.

Total Awards

Up to six grants of up to \$165,000 each will be made in 2010. Each fellow will receive up to \$94,000 for the Washington stay in salary plus fringe benefits or fellowship stipend. Total support for the fellowship including fringe benefits may not exceed \$165,000. Fellows will receive an additional allowance for relocation subject to limitations provided in detail on the program's Web site.

Use of Grant Funds

Fellowship funds of up to \$94,000 may be used for the residential stay (not to exceed the fellow's salary prior to entering the program), from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. The continuation of fringe benefits at levels corresponding to the level of stipend support being requested may be covered with the award and sponsoring institutions may supplement fellowship funds. Any remaining fellowship funds after the residential stay may be used for continued pre-approved leadership development, partial salary support, travel, research, conferences, educational pursuits and networking. Fellowship funds administered by the IOM, for Track 2 fellows, in addition to covering

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **November 13, 2009**
Deadline for receipt of applications submitted online.
- **January 7, 2010**
Selection of finalists.
- **January 29, 2010**
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **February 17, 2010**
Board interviews of finalists.
- **February 18, 2010**
Selection and notification.

Inquiries

For more information on the program and application requirements please contact the national program office:
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E-mail: mmichnich@nas.edu or jsolomon@nas.edu

www.healthpolicyfellows.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/healthpolicyfellows.

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

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fellowship stipends during the Washington stay, may cover an optional health insurance program. The IOM will administer any remaining fellowship funds after the Washington stay for Track 2 fellows, or make arrangements to transfer those funds to a subsequent institutional sponsor.

For both Tracks: No additional direct costs (such as laptops or PDAs) or indirect costs are paid for during the first 12 months of this program. At no time are indirect costs allowable for the fellowship award. Fellows will be directly reimbursed for relocation expenses within limits specified by the IOM.

Fellows must commit 100 percent of their time to program activities during the first 12 months. On returning to their sponsoring organization or next position, fellows may undertake a pre-approved plan to continue their health policy leadership development. In the event that a fellow changes sponsors during the grant period, the fellow and the new sponsoring institution must prepare a plan subject to review and approval by the national program director. Grants are made to sponsoring institutions for Track 1 or to the IOM for Track 2 and must follow the RWJF funding guidelines. Grantees must meet RWJF requirements for the submission of annual financial and narrative reports, as well as a final written report upon completion of the program.

How to Apply

This solicitation only accepts applications submitted through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system which will become available starting on September 24, 2009

<http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/hpf>.

The complete application must include following:

1. Personal and contact information, the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references who have been asked to comment on the applicant's qualifications for the program. (The actual reference letters be sent directly to the NPO no later than November 13, 2009).
2. A preliminary sponsorship track indicating the source of sponsorship (Track 1—provide name of sponsoring institution and name of sponsoring institution's chief executive officer; or Track 2—request for stipend administration by the IOM.)
3. The following documents:
 - an up-to-date curriculum vitae;
 - a one-page biographical sketch; and
 - four separate essays on program-specific topics:
4. For track 1 finalists, provide one additional letter from their sponsoring institution's chief executive officer affirming the institutions' willingness to serve as an adviser to the applicant, and if selected, to cultivate the fellow's growth as a health policy leader during the funding period of up to 36 months; and to administer the grant and comply with RWJF's grant reporting requirements.

RWJF does not provide individual critiques of applications submitted.

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