

## 2012 Call for Applications

### Application Deadline

February 7, 2012



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars

### Purpose

The goal of the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars* program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training and salary and research support to young faculty.

### Total Awards

- Up to 12 awards of up to \$350,000 each over three years will be available in this round of funding.

### Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must:

- Be a registered nurse with a research doctorate in nursing or a related discipline.
- Be a junior faculty member in an accredited school of nursing with an academic position that could lead to tenure. Junior faculty are usually at the instructor or assistant professor level.
- After completing the doctorate, be in an academic position that could lead to tenure for at least two years and no more than five years at the start of the program.
- Identify at least one senior leader in the school of nursing to serve as a primary (nursing) mentor for academic career planning and to provide access to organizations, programs and colleagues helpful to the candidate's work as a scholar.
- Identify at least one senior researcher in the university with similar or complementary research interests to serve as a research mentor. Scholars are encouraged to select the research mentor from a discipline outside of nursing.

Candidates must be U.S. Citizens, Resident Non-Citizen Nationals, or Resident Foreign Nationals at the time of application and must not be receiving support from other research fellowships/traineeships at the time they begin the program.

### Selection Criteria

Please refer to the call for applications brochure for complete information on selection criteria.

### Use of Grant Funds

Grants are made to sponsoring institutions and must follow RWJF funding guidelines. The sponsoring institutions must meet RWJF requirements for the submission of annual financial and narrative reports, as well as a final written report upon the program's completion.

### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **December 6, 2011 (1 p.m. ET) and December 14, 2011 (11 a.m. ET)**  
Applicant informational Web conferences. Registration is required. Please visit the program's website for complete details and to register.
- **February 7, 2012 (3 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **Mid-April 2012**  
Notification of semifinalist status.
- **June 4–6, 2012**  
Semifinalist interviews with national advisory committee.
- **Mid-June 2012**  
Notification of finalists.
- **September 1, 2012**  
Appointments begin.

### Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the application process, please contact the national program office:  
[info@rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org](mailto:info@rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org)

[www.rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org](http://www.rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org)

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the call for applications brochure at [www.rwjf.org/cfp/nfs](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/nfs).

For information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, visit Grants at [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

Sign up to receive email alerts on upcoming calls for applications at <http://my.rwjf.org>.

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We will award up to 12 grants in 2012. Grant funds cover salary support (60% FTE), plus fringe benefits corresponding to the level of salary support. The remaining grant funds may be used to support research-related expenses, training workshops and travel to professional meetings. Owing to the nature of this support, RWJF requests that institutions waive indirect costs. We will require semifinalists to submit a budget and budget narrative.

### **How to Apply**

Applications and supporting materials must be submitted via the RWJF online system. Visit [www.rwjf.org/cfp/nfs](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/nfs) and use the Apply Online link for this solicitation. If you have not already done so, you will be required to register at <http://my.rwjf.org> before you begin the application process.

All candidates should log onto the system and familiarize themselves with online submission requirements well before the final submission deadline. Program staff may not be able to assist all candidates in the final 24 hours before the submission deadline. In fairness to all candidates, the program will not accept late or incomplete submissions.

We will require all candidates to submit additional documentation, as follows:

- Accompanying letters of endorsement, including specific information on institutional support, should be provided by the school of nursing dean *and* the provost or chief executive officer of the university.
- Letters are also required from the proposed institutional mentors.
- One letter of reference is required from a senior leader who is well acquainted with the candidate's accomplishments, commitment, research, teaching skills and potential for academic leadership.

See the program's frequently asked questions (at [www.rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org](http://www.rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org)) for more information.

Interested candidates may send questions about the program, selection criteria or application requirements to [info@rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org](mailto:info@rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org). Please include your name and telephone number in the inquiry.

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