

## 2008 Call for Proposals

### Brief Proposal Deadline

January 23, 2009



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education

## Purpose

*Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education* will evaluate models, programs and innovations that expand teaching capacity or promote faculty recruitment and retention in nursing schools. The program aims to increase the number of nursing school graduates by evaluating strategies that address the nurse faculty shortage and disseminating successful strategies so they can be replicated in other nursing education settings.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Nursing schools or health care organizations who will act as the applicant institution and sub-contract to the evaluation team. Preference will be given to applicant organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are not private foundations as defined under Section 509(a). *Please note that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation makes grants to organizations in the United States and U.S. territories only.*
- Each applicant organization must arrange to sub-contract with an experienced evaluator (not affiliated with the primary applicant department) to assess the intervention.
- Proposed interventions must be ongoing and have the potential to significantly increase teaching capacity, improve faculty work-life, and/or promote faculty recruitment and retention. Interventions must include a large enough population (i.e., faculty, students, courses) to permit precise determination of their impact on important outcomes.
- A maximum of one grant will be awarded per applicant institution.

## Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Presentation of a logic model/theory of change through which the intervention will improve teaching capacity, faculty work-life, and/or faculty recruitment and retention.
- Preliminary evidence of the intervention's effectiveness.
- Strong evaluation design for isolating the impact of the intervention.
- Selection of appropriate outcomes for assessing the intervention's success and access to data for measuring them.
- Demonstrated commitment of key stakeholders to fully implement the intervention and cooperate with all aspects of the evaluation study.
- The expertise and relevant experience of the evaluation team.

## Total Awards

- Up to nine awards of up to \$300,000 each will be available in this round of funding.

## Use of Grant Funds

RWJF will award up to 18 grants totaling \$5.4 million over three years. There will be two rounds of funding. For this first round, project periods may not exceed 24 months, including start-up, data collection and analyses. Nine evaluations will be funded in the first round. Individual awards of up to \$300,000 each will be made to nursing schools or health care organizations in partnership with an experienced evaluator.

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## Key Dates and Deadlines

- **November 21 and December 2, 2008**  
Optional applicant Web conferences. Registration is required. See program Web site for details.
- **January 23, 2009**  
Deadline for receipt of brief proposals.
- **March 13–May 1, 2009**  
Technical assistance (to refine the evaluation design) for those invited to submit a full proposal.
- **May 1, 2009**  
Applicants notified if invited to submit a full proposal.
- **June 12, 2009**  
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **November 2009**  
Notification of awards.

## Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and proposal process please contact the NPO:

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

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

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Grant funds may be used for project salaries, consultant fees, data collection and analysis, meetings, supplies, project-related travel, and other direct project expenses, including a limited amount of equipment essential to the project. Funds must be budgeted for attendance at two national meetings for each of the partners. At least 75 percent of the award amount must support the evaluation. However, with adequate justification, up to 25 percent of the award amount may be used for costs incurred by the nursing school or health care organization for participating in the evaluation. In keeping with RWJF policy, grant funds may not be used to subsidize individuals for the cost of health care, to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices, to construct or renovate facilities, for lobbying, or as a substitute for funds currently being used to support similar activities.

### **How to Apply**

*This program only accepts proposals submitted online through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system.* There are two stages in the proposal process: 1) the submission of a brief proposal that will describe the project and, if invited; 2) the submission of a full proposal. For more information please contact the national program office by e-mail at [info@EvaluatingInnovationsInNursing.org](mailto:info@EvaluatingInnovationsInNursing.org) or by calling (732) 932-4670.

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