

2009 Call for Proposals—Round 2

Brief Proposal Deadline

November 24, 2009



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education

Purpose

Evaluating Innovations in Nursing Education (EIN) will support evaluations of interventions 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. An important activity of the program will be 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 subcontract to the evaluation team are eligible. We will give preference 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: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation makes grants to organizations in the United States and its territories only.*
- Each applicant organization must arrange to subcontract with an experienced evaluator who is not affiliated with the primary applicant department/school to assess the intervention. The evaluator can be from a different department at the same institution.
- 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 and courses) to permit precise determination of their impact on important outcomes.
- We will award a maximum of one grant per applicant institution.

Selection Criteria

We will evaluate proposals using the following criteria:

- Presentation of a logic model demonstrating that 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 intervention's impact.
- 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.
- Well-qualified evaluation team with appropriate expertise for conducting the study.

Total Awards

- A total of \$4.2 million will be available over the next three years.
- Up to 10 awards of up to \$300,000 each will be available in this round of funding.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **October 5 and October 26, 2009**
Optional applicant Web conferences. Registration is required. See program Web site for details.
- **November 24, 2009**
Deadline for receipt of brief proposals.
- **January 20–March 19, 2010**
Technical assistance (to refine the evaluation design) for those applicants selected on the basis of their brief proposal review.
- **March 19, 2010**
Applicants notified if invited to submit a full proposal.
- **April 23, 2010**
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **July 2010**
Notification of awards.

Inquiries

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

Phone: (732) 932-4670

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www.EvaluatingInnovationsInNursing.org

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the call for proposals brochure at

[www.rwjf.org/cfp/
EvaluatingInnovationsInNursing](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/EvaluatingInnovationsInNursing).

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

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Use of Grant Funds

For this second round of funding, project periods may not exceed 24 months, including start-up, data collection and analyses. We will make individual awards of up to \$300,000 each to nursing schools or health care organizations in partnership with an experienced evaluator.

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. Grantees must budget funds 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 or by calling (732) 932-4670.

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