

2008–2009 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

January 15, 2009



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows

Purpose

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows* program is an advanced leadership program for nurses in senior executive roles in health services, public health and nursing education who aspire to help lead and shape the U.S. health care system.

The three-year fellowships allow participating nurses to remain in their current positions while they gain the experiences, insights, competencies and skills necessary to advance in executive leadership positions in a health care system that is undergoing unprecedented change. The program is designed to give nursing and nurses a more influential role across many sectors of the economy.

Eligibility Criteria

The fellowships are open to senior-level nurses who hold executive positions in health services organizations, public health organizations and systems, and nursing education. Applicants must be citizens of the United States or its territories or have permanent residency status at the time of application.

Selection Criteria

Applicants to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows program will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. A strong professional record that reflects positions of increasing leadership responsibility and the potential to achieve higher levels of leadership.
2. Demonstrated commitment to advance in executive leadership in health care, public health and/or health professions education that is consistent with the program's purpose and goals.
3. Demonstrated capability to have substantial impact on the emerging health care delivery system.
4. Vision, passion and courage.
5. A commitment to three consecutive years of structured learning, self-study and project activity while continuing their current employment.
6. A corresponding commitment from the CEO or board chair of the employing organization to provide: (a) continued compensation and release time to attend all program sessions and other related activities; and (b) matching funds on a one-to-one basis to support the fellow's project.

Applications to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows program will be screened by the national program office (NPO) and forwarded to members of the national advisory committee (NAC) for review.

Total Awards

- Up to 20 fellowships will be awarded in this grant cycle.
- Fellowship resources: \$35,000 over three years.

Key Dates and Deadlines

- **January 15, 2009 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **May 18–19, 2009**
Semifinalist interviews.
- **Late May 2009**
Notification of acceptance.

Inquiries

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

Phone: (415) 476-1163

E-mail: jhart@thecenter.ucsf.edu

www.enfp-info.org

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

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Each fellow's individual learning activities are covered by a \$15,000 leadership account. These funds are spent to support self-selected learning activities, independent study and access to an electronic communications network in the course of the three-year fellowship.

Comprehensive Leadership Project

Each fellow designs and undertakes a comprehensive leadership project in his or her home institution.

The national program office (NPO) provides matching support of \$10,000 each year for the first two years of each fellow's program. The fellow's home institution (and/or a local partner) must match these challenge funds dollar for dollar, either in cash or in-kind. Challenge funds and matching support must provide direct support for the fellow's project and cannot be used to cover the fellow's release time costs. Total resources over each three-year fellowship are \$35,000, which includes \$20,000 in matching project funds and \$15,000 for individual development activities.

Fellows are expected to meet all program requirements, including participation in all program meetings and seminars and submission of annual budgets, reports and project narratives. The NPO will cover related travel and accommodation expenses to all program meetings and seminars.

How to Apply

Applications to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows program may be made only through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system. Instructions and all application materials may be found at <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/enl6>.

Based on an evaluation of submitted applications, a review panel will select semifinalists for interviews with members of the program's NAC.

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