

## 2010–2011 Call for Applications

### Application Deadline

October 1, 2010



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars

### Purpose

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars* program provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to build the nation's capacity for research and leadership to address the multiple determinants of population health and contribute to policy change. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends upon multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. Its goal is to improve health by training scholars to:

1. investigate the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic and social determinants of health; and
2. develop, evaluate and disseminate knowledge, interventions and policies that integrate and act on these determinants to improve health.

The program is intended to produce leaders who will change the questions asked, the methods employed to analyze problems and the range of solutions to reduce population health disparities and improve the health of all Americans.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, scholars must:

- have completed doctoral training by the time of entry into the program (August or September 2011) in one of a variety of fields including, but not limited to: the behavioral and social sciences; the biological and natural sciences; health professions; public policy; public health; history; demography; environmental sciences; urban planning; engineering and ethics;
- have significant research experience;
- connect their research interests to substantive population health concerns; and
- be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories.

### Selection Criteria

We will evaluate applicants based on the criteria listed in the full call for applications found on the program's Web site and at [www.rwjf.org/cfp/hhs](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/hhs).

### Total Awards

- Up to 18 scholars will be selected for two-year appointments beginning in the fall of 2011.
- Scholars will receive an annual stipend of \$89,000.

### Use of Grant Funds

Grants have been made to the six participating universities in accordance with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (RWJF) regular funding guidelines. Scholars will have access to a full range of university resources and will receive an annual stipend of

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### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **October 1, 2010 (5 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of online applications.
- **January 2011**  
Finalist interviews.
- **Mid-to-late February 2011**  
Notification of acceptance.
- **August or September 2011**  
Scholars enter the program at participating universities.

### Inquiries

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

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

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

Sign up to receive e-mail alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at [www.rwjf.org/services](http://www.rwjf.org/services).



\$89,000, plus health insurance from their university site. Scholars will also have access at each university to financial support for research-related expenses, training workshops and travel to professional meetings.

### **How to Apply**

**Individuals may apply only through our online system, which will be available through the program's Web site at [www.healthandsocietyscholars.org](http://www.healthandsocietyscholars.org) beginning July 12, 2010.**

Applications to the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars* program will be screened by the national program office (NPO) and forwarded to members of the national advisory committee and program site directors for review. Approximately 50 finalists will be selected for interviews at one or more of the participating sites. After these interviews, up to 18 scholars will be selected to enter the program in August or September of 2011, depending upon each university's academic calendar. Assignment to sites will be based upon a review of selected scholars' preferences for sites and the sites' preferences for specific scholars. Neither the NPO nor RWJF provide individual critiques of applications submitted.

Complete details on the application process and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the program's Web site or contact:

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