

2008 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

March 26, 2008



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research

Purpose

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research* program supports highly qualified individuals to undertake broad studies of America's most challenging policy issues in health and health care. Grants of up to \$335,000 are awarded to investigators from a variety of disciplines for innovative research projects that have national policy relevance.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applications are welcomed from investigators in the fields of anthropology, business, demography, economics, engineering, ethics, genetics, health and social policy, health services research, history, journalism, law, medicine, nursing, political science, psychology, public health, science policy, social work, sociology and others.
- The program seeks a diverse group of applicants including minorities, researchers early in their careers, and individuals in nonacademic settings.
- Applicants must be affiliated either with educational institutions or with 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located in the United States.
- Past awardees and teams of more than two investigators may not apply.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based upon:

- relevance of the research to national policy and its potential to inform and improve policy-making;
- contribution and potential significance of the project to the theoretical underpinnings and knowledge base of health, health care or health policy;
- extent to which the research represents an innovative perspective on health, health care or health policy;
- soundness of the project's conceptual framework (the ideas, concepts, theories and bodies of knowledge informing the proposed approach) and methodology;
- feasibility of the research;
- likelihood that the findings will be useful to a variety of policy-makers and other leaders;
- capability of the investigator to undertake and complete the project on schedule; and
- investigator's research record, and for pairs of investigators, prior experience working together.

Total Awards

- Approximately 10 awards will be made in this grant cycle.
- The maximum award is \$335,000 including personnel, other direct costs, and indirect costs to be calculated at a rate of up to 12 percent.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **March 26, 2008 (5 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of letters of intent.
- **June 13, 2008**
Applicants will be notified by mail if selected to submit a full proposal.
- **July 29, 2008**
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **December 15, 2008**
Notification of acceptance mailed.
- **March 1–September 1, 2009**
Acceptable start dates for projects.

Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the application process please contact the NPO (e-mail preferred):

E-mail: depdir@ifh.rutgers.edu
Phone: (732) 932-3817

www.investigatorawards.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/investigatorawards and www.investigatorawards.org/applications.

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

Sign up to receive Funding Alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at www.rwjf.org/services.



How to Apply

This program accepts paper applications only.

Tips on how to develop a competitive application and samples of past, successful letters of intent are available at www.investigatorawards.org/applications.

Applicants may submit only one application annually and the number of investigators per project is limited to no more than two.

To apply, please submit **seven collated sets** of the following:

- A brief transmittal letter printed on organizational letterhead.
- A four-page, double-spaced letter of intent printed on plain paper using a 10-, 11- or 12-point font.
- A full curriculum vitae for each principal or co-investigator (up to two per project).
- A completed Application Summary Sheet for *each investigator*—downloaded from the program Web site at www.investigatorawards.org/applications.

The letter of intent must include:

- the title of the proposed research project;
- a brief description of the problems being addressed and their policy significance;
- the specific research questions and issues to be explored;
- a summary of the approach and activities to be undertaken;
- the anticipated contribution of the proposed study to improving health policy and the potential audience(s) for the work; and
- the project length and estimated budget (\$335,000 maximum including indirect costs of up to 12 percent).

After all letters of intent are reviewed, a limited number of applicants will be invited to submit full proposals.

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