

## 2009 Call for Applications

### Application Deadline

March 25, 2009



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# 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. We award grants of up to \$335,000 each to investigators from a variety of disciplines for innovative research projects that have national policy relevance.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Applications must be submitted by an educational institution or nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), located in the United States, or its territories, with which the proposed investigator is affiliated.
- We welcome applications from investigators in the health, social and behavioral sciences, as well as other fields.
- We seek a diverse group of applicants, including minorities, early-career researchers and individuals who work in nonacademic settings.
- Past Investigator Awardees and teams of more than two researchers are ineligible to apply.

### Selection Criteria

We will evaluate proposals 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
- the investigator's research record, and for pairs of investigators, prior experience working together.

### Total Awards

- We will make approximately 10 awards in this grant cycle.

### Use of Grant Funds

- The maximum award of \$335,000 includes personnel, other direct costs and indirect costs to be calculated at a rate of up to 12 percent.
- Investigators must be prepared to commit substantial time to their project. Grant funds are to be used primarily for project salary support for the principal investigator(s). In circumstances where salary support may be available from other sources, a larger portion of the budget may be allocated to research-related expenses.

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### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **March 25, 2009 (5 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of letters of intent.
- **June 12, 2009**  
Applicants notified by e-mail if they have been selected to submit a full proposal.
- **July 28, 2009**  
Deadline for receipt of full proposals.
- **December 15, 2009**  
Notification letters e-mailed.
- **April 1–September 1, 2010**  
Acceptable project start dates.

### 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](mailto:depdir@ifh.rutgers.edu)  
Phone: (732) 932-3817

[www.investigatorawards.org](http://www.investigatorawards.org)

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

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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- Following RWJF practice, we expect all grantees to participate in national meetings designed to share their work with others whom the program supports. We require investigators to submit annual reports, which are necessary for grants management and monitoring.

### **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](http://www.investigatorawards.org/applications).

Applicants may submit only one application annually, and no more than two investigators can work on a given project.

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

- A brief cover letter printed on organizational letterhead. A sample can be viewed on the program's Web site at [www.investigatorawards.org/applications](http://www.investigatorawards.org/applications).
- A four-page, double-spaced letter of intent printed on plain paper using 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](http://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 and how the proposed study could illuminate the questions you seek to understand;
- a statement of what is innovative or creative about the proposed research;
- the anticipated contribution of the proposed study to improving health policy and the potential audience(s) for the work;
- a brief description of your qualifications and track record; and
- the project length (24 to 48 months) and estimated budget (\$335,000 maximum, including indirect costs of up to 12 percent).

After we review all letters of intent, we will invite a limited number of applicants to submit full proposals.

Send your application package by overnight delivery or regular mail to:

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