

2010 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

February 2, 2010



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars

Purpose

The goal of the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Nurse Faculty Scholars (NFS)* program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training and salary and research support to young faculty.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must:

- Be a registered nurse with a research doctorate in nursing or a related discipline.
- Be a junior faculty member in an accredited school of nursing in an academic position that could lead to tenure. (Junior faculty members are defined as those who have been in a faculty position after completing their doctorate for at least two years and no more than five years at the start of the program and usually are at the instructor or assistant professor level.)
- Identify at least one senior leader in the school of nursing to serve as an institutional mentor for academic career planning and to provide access to organizations, programs and colleagues helpful to the candidate's work as a Scholar.
- Identify at least one senior researcher in the university with similar or complementary research interests to serve as a research mentor. We encourage Scholars to select the research mentor from a discipline outside of nursing.

Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories at the time of application and must not be receiving support from other research fellowships/traineeships when they begin the program.

We embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity and encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds.

Selection Criteria

The following factors are considered in the selection process:

- Evidence of the potential for and strong commitment to a full career as an academic nurse leader, with the capacity to achieve rank of full professor.
- Evidence that the nominating institution and its senior leadership are committed to supporting the candidate's academic career and activities during the program.
- Evidence of the availability and commitment of qualified mentors and academic resources, including space as appropriate, at the candidate's institution.
- Evidence of the potential to become a national leader in the candidate's scholarly focus area.
- Evidence of the candidate's commitment to teaching excellence.
- Evidence of the candidate's commitment to racial, ethnic, gender and cultural diversity in nursing.
- General merit of the candidate's research proposal.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **December 10, 2009 (10 a.m. ET)** and **December 15, 2009 (2 p.m. ET)**
Informational applicant Web conferences. Registration is required. Please see details on the program's Web site.
- **February 2, 2010 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **April 7, 2010**
Notification of semifinalist status.
- **May 4–6, 2010**
Semifinalist interviews with the national advisory committee.
- **May 12, 2010**
Notification of finalists.
- **September 1, 2010**
Appointments begin.

Inquiries

For information on the program, selection criteria or application requirements please contact:

E-mail: info@rwjfnursefaculty scholars.org.

Please include your name and telephone number in the inquiry.

www.rwjfnursefaculty scholars.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/nursefaculty scholars.

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

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- Potential of the proposed research and scholarship area to serve as a foundation for the candidate's academic career and contribution to:
 - nursing science;
 - interdisciplinary knowledge in a focus area; and
 - improvement of health and health care in the United States.

Total Awards

- Up to 12 awards of up to \$350,000 each over three years will be available in this round of funding.

Use of Grant Funds

We will award up to 12 grants in 2010. Grant funds cover salary support (60% FTE), plus fringe benefits corresponding to the level of salary support. The remaining grant funds may be used to support research-related expenses, training workshops and travel to professional meetings. Owing to the nature of this support, RWJF requests that institutions waive indirect costs. We will require semifinalists to submit a budget and budget narrative.

Grants are made to sponsoring institutions and must follow RWJF funding guidelines. These sponsoring institutions must meet RWJF requirements for the submission of annual financial and narrative reports, as well as a final written report upon the program's completion.

How to Apply

We will accept applications and supporting materials submitted only through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system at <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/nfs3>.

All candidates should log onto the system and familiarize themselves with online submission requirements well before the final submission deadline. Program staff may not be able to assist all candidates in the final 24 hours before the submission deadline. In fairness to all candidates, RWJF will not accept late or incomplete proposals.

We will require all candidates to submit additional documentation. Accompanying letters of endorsement, including specific information on institutional support, should be provided by the school of nursing dean and the provost or chief executive officer of the university. We also require letters from the proposed institutional mentors. In addition, one letter of reference is required from a senior leader who is well acquainted with the candidate's accomplishments, commitment, research, teaching skills and potential for academic leadership. See the program's Frequently Asked Questions at (www.rwjfnursefacultyscholars.org) for more information.

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