

## 2010 Call for Proposals—Round 5

### Brief Proposal Deadline

April 7, 2010



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# New Connections

## Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming

### Junior Investigators Program

#### Purpose

*New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming* aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation, while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis. The program invites *Junior Investigators*—scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities who have received their doctorate within the last seven years—to address specific questions posed by one of RWJF’s program areas using secondary data analysis or systematic review. Eligible scholars include individuals from ethnic or racial minority groups or low-income communities, first-generation college graduates (i.e., the first person in one’s family to receive a college degree), or others who historically have been underrepresented in research disciplines that RWJF supports.\*

In this funding round, we ask applicants to address research questions from five RWJF program areas: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Public Health and Vulnerable Populations.

#### Eligibility Criteria

*Junior Investigator* applicants to the *New Connections* program must:

- have completed a doctorate (a J.D. is appropriate for *Public Health Law Research—New Connections* applicants) by November 2003 or later;
- be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories;
- be affiliated with or sponsored by a nonprofit university or an organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- not be a private foundation as defined under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- have agreement from the sponsoring institution to administer and be the recipient of the grant;
- be from a group that has been historically underrepresented in the research activities supported by RWJF, such as people from ethnic or racial minority groups, first-generation college graduates and people from low-income communities;\*
- be a first-time grantee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation;

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\* *The New Connections program is open to applicants from any group that has been historically disadvantaged or underrepresented in research disciplines. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals from ethnic and racial minorities historically underrepresented in research disciplines. It also includes persons of all races and ethnicity who come from groups that have historically been disadvantaged or underrepresented in research disciplines, such as first-generation college graduates and people from low-income communities. These examples are intended to be illustrative, not exclusive. Applicants who do not fall within one of these categories but who believe they are from a historically disadvantaged or underrepresented background should check “other” and explain their individual circumstances in the text box available at Grantmaking Online.*

#### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **March 10, 2010 (3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. ET)**  
Optional Web conference call for *Junior Investigator* brief proposal applicants. To register, please visit [www.rwjf-newconnections.org](http://www.rwjf-newconnections.org).
- **April 7, 2010 (3 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of online brief proposals.
- **May 24, 2010**  
Select applicants invited to submit full proposals.
- **June 8, 2010 (3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. ET)**  
Optional Web conference call for *Junior Investigator* full proposal applicants. To register, please visit [www.rwjf-newconnections.org](http://www.rwjf-newconnections.org).
- **July 7, 2010 (3 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of online full proposals.
- **August 26–27, 2010**  
Finalist phone interviews.
- **August 31, 2010**  
Notification of awards.
- **November 1, 2010**  
Start of awards.

#### Inquiries

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

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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/ncjr](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/ncjr).

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).



- provide evidence of research skills addressing various aspects of health and health care (research fellowship or equivalent training or experience); and
- be committed to the goals and mission of *New Connections*, RWJF and its specific interest areas.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Please refer to the full call for proposals brochure or the program's Web site for complete selection criteria.

### **Total Awards**

- Up to 13 *Junior Investigator* grants, including up to five grants for *Public Health Law Research* (PHLR) awards.
- Up to \$75,000 each for a 24-month period.

### **Use of Grant Funds**

*Junior Investigators* are eligible to receive a total grant award of up to \$75,000 each for a period of 24 months. Grant funds may be used to cover the costs associated with completing all research, consulting services, methodological training and travel. In keeping with RWJF policy, grant funds may *not* be used to subsidize individuals for the costs of their health care, to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices, to construct or renovate facilities, for lobbying, or as a substitute for funds currently being used to support similar activities. The *New Connections* program guidelines specify the use of funds allowable under this program. The majority of funding should be used for the *Junior Investigator's* salary, travel, trainings, mentoring and costs associated with full participation in the *New Connections* program. Additional funds to support these activities should be specified. Applicants must meet the FTE requirements for the grant during the two-year period. Time cannot be apportioned differently in the summer. Salaries must allow for a minimum of 25 percent FTE commitment throughout the year.

### **How to Apply**

There are two stages in the proposal process. In the first stage, the applicant submits a brief proposal that describes the project. We will review brief proposals and invite selected applicants to submit full proposals in a second stage.

Complete submission details and program information are available on the program's Web site at [www.rwjf-newconnections.org](http://www.rwjf-newconnections.org). **This program accepts proposals submitted only through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system at <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/nci5>.**

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