

## 2010 Call for Proposals—Round 5

### Brief Proposal Deadline

April 7, 2010



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# New Connections

## Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming

### Mid-Career Consultant Program

#### Purpose

*New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming* aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that informs RWJF programming; to introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation and; to help meet staff needs for data analysis that measures progress toward program objectives. In Round 5 *New Connections* invites *Mid-Career Consultants* from historically underrepresented groups\* to submit proposals to either 1) address research questions using environmental scans or syntheses or 2) evaluate specific programs funded by or connected to the following RWJF programming areas: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Quality/Equality and Vulnerable Populations.

#### Eligibility Criteria

*Mid-Career Consultants* applying for the *New Connections* program must:

- have no less than 10 and no more than 15 years of research and/or evaluation experience related to relevant health and health care fields;
- be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories;
- be from a group that has been historically underrepresented in the research activities supported by RWJF, such as people from ethnic or racial minority or low-income communities and/or first-generation college graduates\*;
- be a first time principal investigator/program contract grantee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation;
- demonstrate how a *New Connections* mid-career award would impact their career development; 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.

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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 *Mid-Career Consultant* brief proposal applicants.
- **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 *Mid-Career Consultant* 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/ncmc](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/ncmc).

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).



### **Total Awards**

- Up to five *Mid-Career Consultant* grants.
- Up to \$75,000 each for a 12-month period.

### **Use of Grant Funds**

Each *Mid-Career Consultant* is eligible to receive a total grant award of up to \$75,000 during a 12-month period. Grant funds may be used to cover the costs associated with completing the research project or evaluation, travel for site visits and other related costs. 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 *Mid-Career Consultant's* salary, travel, communication needs, training and costs associated with full participation in the *New Connections* program.

### **How to Apply**

All applicants must submit proposals only through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system.

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