

2009–2010 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

October 21, 2009



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research

Purpose

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research* program helps to develop a new generation of creative health policy thinkers and researchers within the disciplines of economics, political science and sociology. Each year the program selects up to nine highly qualified individuals for two-year fellowships at one of three nationally prominent universities with the expectation that they will make important research contributions to future health policy in the United States.

Eligibility Criteria

We invite recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science and sociology, including junior faculty, to apply. We will give preference to applicants who have not previously worked extensively in health or health policy research.

- Applicants must have received a doctoral degree after January 1, 2005, but no later than July 2010. For those expecting to receive degrees in 2010, all degree requirements must be completed by July 15, 2010.
- All applicants must be citizens of the United States or its territories or have permanent residency status at the time of application.
- We embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity, and encourage applications from candidates who come from groups that historically have been underrepresented in the three disciplines.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be considered in the course of the application review process:

- The applicant's potential to contribute creatively as a social scientist to future U.S. health policy thinking—either by identifying emerging health policy issues and problems or by bringing new insight to the examination and analysis of existing issues and problems.
- The applicant's commitment to a career consistent with the program's purpose and goals.
- The quality of the applicant's past research, including dissertation research.
- The capability of the applicant to undertake this challenging program.
- Recommendations by faculty and other individuals with whom the applicant has studied or worked.

The national program office (NPO) screens all applications and forwards them to members of the national advisory committee, the program site directors and RWJF staff for extensive review.

We select approximately 20 finalists for interviews with faculty at one or more of the participating universities. From these interviewed finalists, we will select up to nine scholars to receive fellowships.

Total Awards

- Up to nine fellowships will be awarded in this grant cycle.
- Scholars will receive stipends from their university of \$89,000 each year.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **October 21, 2009**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **January 6–30, 2010**
Finalist interviews.
- **Late February 2010**
Notification of acceptance.
- **August 2010**
Fellowships begin.

Inquiries

For assistance, please contact the national program office:

Phone: (617) 353-9220
E-mail: rwjf@bu.edu.

www.healthpolicyscholars.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/scholarsinhealthpolicyresearch.

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

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



Use of Foundation Funds

We have made grants to the three participating universities in accordance with RWJF's regular funding guidelines. Under the program, the universities provide scholars with their stipends, health insurance, expenses associated with the move to their fellowship site and funds for a computer. Some financial support also is available at each university for expenses associated with scholars' research, including travel.

How to Apply

This program only accepts applications submitted online.

The online application may be accessed on the program Web site.

RWJF does not provide individual critiques of applications submitted.

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