

## 2007–2008 Call for Applications

### Application Deadline

October 22, 2007



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 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 12 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

Recent graduates of doctoral programs in economics, political science and sociology, including junior faculty, are invited to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously worked extensively in health or health policy research.

- Applicants must have received a doctoral degree after January 1, 2003, but no later than July 2008. For those expecting to receive degrees in 2008, all degree requirements must be completed by July 15, 2008.
- All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories at the time of application deadline.
- We embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity in this program and encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds.

### Selection Criteria

#### *Review of Applications*

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.

All applications are screened by the national program office (NPO) and forwarded to members of the national advisory committee, the program site directors, and RWJF staff for extensive review.

Approximately 25 finalists are selected for interviews with faculty at one or more of the participating universities. From these interviewed finalists, up to 12 scholars will be selected to enter the program.

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### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **October 22, 2007**  
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **January 7–25, 2008**  
Finalist interviews.
- **Late February 2008**  
Notification of acceptance.
- **August 2008**  
Fellowships begin.

### Inquiries

For assistance please contact the NPO:  
Phone: (617) 353-9220  
E-mail: [rwjf@bu.edu](mailto:rwjf@bu.edu)

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

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

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation visit Grant Applications at [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

Sign up to receive Funding Alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at [www.rwjf.org/services](http://www.rwjf.org/services).



### **Total Awards**

- Up to 12 fellowships will be awarded in this grant cycle.
- Scholars will receive stipends from their university of \$83,000 for year one and \$86,000 for year two.

### **How to Apply**

*This program only accepts applications submitted online.* Application forms and materials have been developed to make the application process as simple and straightforward as possible. Individuals who meet the eligibility requirements may access the online application system on the program Web site. Individuals may contact the NPO at the address listed under Inquiries to discuss any questions about the program, selection criteria or application requirements. Candidates are encouraged to begin the application process as early as possible.

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