

2008–2009 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

October 22, 2008



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 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 United States health policy.

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, 2004, but no later than July 2009. For those expecting to receive degrees in 2009, all degree requirements must be completed by July 15, 2009.
- All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories at the time of application.
- We embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity in this program and encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be considered in 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.

We will select approximately 25 finalists for interviews with faculty at one or more of the participating universities. From these interviewed finalists, we will select up to 12 scholars to enter the program.

Total Awards

- Up to 12 fellowships will be awarded in this grant cycle.
- Scholars will receive stipends from their university of \$86,000 for year one and \$89,000 for year two.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **October 22, 2008**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **January 6–30, 2009**
Finalist interviews.
- **Late February 2009**
Notification of acceptance.
- **August 2009**
Fellowships begin.

Inquiries

For assistance please contact the national program office at:

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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 www.rwjf.org/grants.

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



How to Apply

This program only accepts applications submitted online. 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. We encourage candidates to begin the application as early as possible.

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