

2008-2009 Call for Applications

Proposal Deadline

November 16, 2007



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows

Purpose

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows** program provides the nation's most comprehensive experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in Washington, D.C. The fellowship is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health care policy to experience and participate in the policy process at the federal level and to use that experience to provide leadership to improve health, health care and health policy at the national, state or local level. Fellows actively participate in the formulation of national health policies in congressional and executive offices and accelerate their careers as leaders in health policy. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) conducts and administers the fellowship with funding support from and collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Eligibility Criteria

Exceptional midcareer professionals from academic faculties and nonprofit health care organizations who are interested in experiencing health policy process at the federal level are encouraged to apply.

Applicants may have backgrounds in the following disciplines: allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; medicine; nursing; public health; or social and behavioral health.

RWJF is committed to programs that embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity, and we encourage applications from candidates who come from groups that historically have been underrepresented. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories at the time of application.

Potential applicants must obtain documented sponsorship from an eligible institution to support their application. Nonprofit health care organizations and academic centers are eligible sponsors. Eligible institutions may sponsor more than one individual, but no more than one individual will be selected from any one sponsoring organization.

Selection Criteria

Members of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Advisory Board will assess each applicant, based on the following criteria:

- Professional achievements.
- Potential for leadership in health policy.
- Potential for future growth and career advancement.
- Interpersonal and communication skills.
- Individual plans for incorporating the fellowship experience into specific career goals.

The Advisory Board will select semifinalists from the applicants and interview them in Washington, D.C. Applicants will be notified of their status in mid-January 2008.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **November 16, 2007**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **January 17, 2008**
Selection of semifinalists.
- **February 6, 2008**
Board interviews of semifinalists and announcement of selections.

All application materials should be submitted by mail and received no later than November 16, 2007.

Inquiries

For information regarding the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program, selection criteria or application requirements please contact the NPO:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Health Policy Fellows
Phone: (202) 334-1506
E-mail: mmichnich@nas.edu or
jsolomon@nas.edu

www.healthpolicyfellows.org.

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the call for proposals brochure at www.rwjf.org/cfp/healthpolicyfellows.

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, visit Grant Applications at www.rwjf.org.

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Interviews for the select group will take place in early February 2008. Those applicants who are selected for interviews will receive details about the remainder of the process upon invitation.

Total Awards

Up to 10 grants of \$165,000 will be made in 2008. Each fellow will receive up to \$94,000 for the Washington stay (September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009) plus fringe benefits corresponding to the level of salary support. Continued pre-approved leadership development activities may be conducted with remaining funds within the 20 to 24 months following the Washington year. Total support for the fellowship may not exceed \$165,000. Fellows will receive an additional allowance for relocation subject to limitations provided in detail in a separate document.

How to Apply

Potential candidates should submit their application directly to the IOM along with documented sponsorship from an eligible institution:

Institute of Medicine
The National Academies
500 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: (202) 334-1506
Fax: (202) 334-3862

The application package must include the following:

- A packet from the applicant containing: a cover letter; a current curriculum vitae; a biographical sketch; and three references.
- Brief essays on four program-specified topics.
- A letter from the sponsoring institution's chief executive officer containing:
an evaluation of the applicant's qualifications for the program; a description of how the sponsoring institution will help the applicant carry out his or her plan during and after the Washington work experience; a proposed budget of up to \$165,000 (salary support must be limited to a rate of \$94,000; a statement of willingness to serve as an adviser to the applicant; and a commitment to administer the grant and comply with RWJF's grant reporting requirements.

RWJF does not provide individual critiques of applications submitted.

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