

2007 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

August 31, 2007



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars

Purpose

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars* program is designed to strengthen the leadership and academic productivity of junior medical school faculty dedicated to improving health and health care. In 2008 the Foundation will make up to 15 awards of up to \$300,000 each over three years to help young physicians develop their careers in academic medicine.

Under the program, scholars:

- will devote at least 50 percent of time for three years to their research as outlined in their submitted proposals;
- receive funds to support a research project;
- receive national and local mentorship; and
- work with other talented scholars.

Eligibility Criteria

Each candidate must meet the following requirements:

- be a physician (M.D. or D.O.) who is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States or its territories;
- be a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor) for four years or less in any discipline in a regular line position that could lead to tenure;
- be committed to a career in academic medicine;
- provide evidence of research skills (e.g., past research fellowship or equivalent training);
- have had at least two papers published in peer-reviewed journals;
- demonstrate excellence as a teacher; and
- care for patients at least one half day per week.

Physicians who have served as the *principal investigator* on a grant (whether research or career development) that carries more than 48 months of funding are not eligible. This rule does not apply to grants for which the notice of award of funding is dated after the application deadline.

Consistent with all RWJF projects, this program embraces racial, ethnic, gender and disciplinary diversity, and encourages candidates with diverse backgrounds to apply.

Selection Criteria

The program's national advisory committee (NAC) reviews applications and invites selected applicants to present their research proposals to the committee. The NAC uses the following criteria to guide the selection process:

- Evidence that the candidate is committed to an academic career and is well prepared to conduct research.
- The creativity, quality and feasibility of the proposed research.
- Preference will be given to applicants interested in the fields of health policy, epidemiology, health services or community-based research.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **August 31, 2007 (5 p.m. PT)**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **March 2008**
Selected applicant interviews with national advisory committee.
- **April 2008**
Notification of awards.
- **July 1, 2008**
Appointments begin.

Inquiries

For inquiries about the program, selection criteria or 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/physicianfacultyscholars.

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- Availability of qualified research mentors and research resources at the candidate's institution.
- Evidence that the candidate is an excellent clinical teacher.
- Evidence that the nominating institution and its senior leadership are committed to supporting the candidate's academic career.

A complete listing of the program's NAC can be found on the program's Web site.

Total Awards

- Up to 15 awards of up to \$300,000 each over three years will be available in this round of funding.

How to Apply

Each applicant must be nominated by the dean of a four-year, fully accredited U.S. medical school (allopathic or osteopathic). A school may nominate only one physician per year. Schools may have up to two physicians in the program at any one time, provided they are each in different disciplines.

Applicants must complete the application form, including a proposal for research (maximum length: 13 pages, double-spaced, using a minimum text size of 11 point). Letters of recommendation are also required. For details about the research proposal, the application process—including the nomination procedure and letters of recommendation, and answers to frequently asked questions about the program—applicants should go to the program's Web site at <http://rwjpfsp.stanford.edu>. The site also contains application documents for downloading.

Completed application forms must be received by the national program office no later than 5 p.m. PDT on August 31, 2007. Applications sent via e-mail or fax will not be accepted.

RWJF does not provide individual critiques of applications submitted or of presentations of those selected to be interviewed.

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