

2011–2012 Call for Applications

Application Deadline

February 29, 2012



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars

Purpose

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) collaborate to foster the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care through the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars* program. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans.

Program highlights include:

- leadership training;
- mentoring;
- protected research time;
- local, regional and national networking;
- health services and community-based research training; and
- financial support for research projects and professional travel.

Total Awards

We will select up to 20 scholars in 2012 for appointments beginning July 1, 2013. First year scholar stipend is \$64,500 with an increase the second year. In some cases, VA stipends may be higher. Additional financial support is provided for research projects and professional travel.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, physicians must:

- be committed to a career in academic medicine, public health, health policy or another career congruent with the program's purposes and priorities of developing physician leaders and skilled researchers;
- be highly regarded by those responsible for their clinical training;
- intend to complete the clinical requirements of their residency training by the date of entry into the program (except for surgeons); and
- be U.S. Citizens, Resident Non-Citizen Nationals or Resident Foreign Nationals.

Both MDs and DOs are eligible to apply.

Consistent with RWJF values, this program embraces diversity and inclusion across multiple dimensions, such as race, ethnicity, gender, age and disadvantaged socioeconomic status. We strongly encourage applications from candidates who will help us expand the perspectives and experiences we bring to our work. We believe that the more we include diverse perspectives and experiences in our work, the better able we are to help all Americans live healthier lives and get the care they need. We encourage applications from diverse clinical backgrounds.

Applicants cannot be related by blood or marriage to any Officer* or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson.

* *The Officers are the Chairman of the Board of Trustees; President and CEO; Chief of Staff; General Counsel; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; and Assistant Treasurer of the Foundation.*

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **February 29, 2012 (5 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of applications.
- **April 13, 2012**
Interviews completed.
- **June 30, 2012**
Notification of acceptance.
- **July 1, 2013**
Entry of selected scholars into the program at participating universities.

Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the application process, please contact the national program office:

Phone: (919) 843-1351

Email: rwjfsp_admin@med.unc.edu

<http://rwjfsp.unc.edu>

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

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

Sign up to receive email alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at <http://my.rwjf.org>.



Use of Foundation Funds

RWJF makes grants to the four participating universities in accordance with our regular funding guidelines. They are: University of California, Los Angeles; University of Michigan; University of Pennsylvania; and Yale University. Under the program, the universities provide scholars with their stipends and health insurance for the 10 RWJF-funded scholars, and the VA provides the stipends and health insurance for the VA-funded scholars, as well as faculty support, clinical resources and research databases for all scholars interested in the VA patient population. The first year scholar RWJF stipend is \$64,500 with an increase the second year. Stipends are comparable to stipends for similar research training positions at each institution. In some cases VA stipends may be higher. Financial support is available at each university for expenses associated with all scholars' tuition, research and travel.

How to Apply

Physicians who meet the eligibility requirements may apply online through the national program office (NPO) website at <http://rwjcsp.unc.edu>, or contact the NPO:

Kristin Siebenaler, *deputy director*
Phone: (919) 843-1351
Email: rwjcsp_admin@med.unc.edu

The application process begins 18 months before successful candidates start their terms as Clinical Scholars. The application period opens in November 2011. The NPO must receive completed application forms no later than February 29, 2012, to allow time to arrange and complete applicant interviews at the individual universities by April 13, 2012. Program directors will notify applicants who will be called in for interviews. We encourage applicants to consider more than one site in their application because of the limited positions available. After interviews are completed, applicants will rank the universities to which they applied and will have the opportunity to submit a revised personal statement.

The program's national advisory committee reviews all applications. We will notify candidates of the decision about their applications by June 30, 2012. Appointments begin July 1, 2013. RWJF does not provide individual critiques of applications submitted.

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