Grant Title: JUNIOR INVESTIGATORS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A


Area of Research: Provides support and training to Junior Investigators to address specific research questions posed by five RWJF program areas: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Public Health and Vulnerable Populations.

Release and Expiration: N/A


Amount: Up to 13 Junior Investigators grants, including up to five grants for Public Health Law Research (PHLR) awards of up to $75,000.

Length of Support: Up to 24 months.

Eligible Applicants: Junior Investigator applicants to the New Connections program must: Have completed a doctorate [a J.D. is appropriate for Public Health Law Research-New Connections (PHLR-NC) applicants] by November 2003 or later; be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories; be affiliated with or sponsored by a nonprofit university or an organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; not be a private foundation as defined under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; have the sponsoring institution agree to administer and be the grant recipient; be from a group that has been historically underrepresented in the research activities supported by RWJF, such as people from ethnic or racial minority groups, first-generation college graduates and people from low-income communities; be a first-time grantee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; provide evidence of research skills addressing various aspects of health and health care (research fellowship or equivalent training or experience); and be committed to the goals and mission of New Connections and RWJF.

Summary: New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation, while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis. The program invites Junior Investigators-scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities-to address specific questions posed by one of RWJF's program areas including: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Public Health and Vulnerable Populations. Junior Investigators must answer program area questions using secondary data analysis or systematic review. Applicants who choose to use secondary data analysis are responsible for identifying and acquiring the dataset(s). Among other sources, existing datasets funded by RWJF can be found at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Health and Medical Care Archive. Junior Investigators are encouraged to use any appropriate dataset to answer the proposed question. We will consider mixed method applications if Junior Investigators have additional financial support for the qualitative component. Candidates must develop a monthly workplan in their application, detailing the milestones, timeline and key deliverables of their proposed project for the 24-month grant period. New Connections program staff, along with RWJF staff, will approve the workplan. Junior Investigators must submit at least two manuscripts, based on their New Connections project, for publication in a peer-reviewed journal by the end of the grant. We will not accept manuscripts developed or published prior to the grant start date as project deliverables for New Connections funded work.

Detailed Information: http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21061