Grant Title: RWJF - MID-CAREER CONSULTANTS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A


Area of Research: Support to Mid-Career Consultants to help address the research, evaluation and information needs of RWJF's major programming areas.

Release and Expiration: N/A


Amount: Up to $100,000 each for a 12-month period.

Length of Support: 12 months.

Eligible Applicants: Mid-Career Consultants applying for the New Connections program must: have no less than 10 and no more than 15 years of research and/or evaluation experience related to relevant health and health care fields; be U.S. Citizens, Resident Non-Citizen Nationals, or Resident Foreign Nationals at the time of application and must not be receiving support from other research fellowships/traineeships at the time they begin the program; be from a group that has been historically underrepresented in research activities, such as people from ethnic or racial minorities or low-income communities and/or first-generation college graduates; be a first time principal investigator/program contract grantee of RWJF; demonstrate how a New Connections Midcareer Consultant award would impact their career development; and be committed to the goals and mission of New Connections, RWJF, and its specific interest areas.

Summary: New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation who would help teams with their research and evaluation needs. The program invites Midcareer Consultants-scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities who have between 10-15 years of research and/or evaluation experience-to address program priorities for RWJF's teams and portfolios. New Connections is a career development program for early- and midcareer researchers. We aim to enhance the research and evaluation capacity of researchers and consultants from underrepresented groups. The New Connections program provides support to Midcareer Consultants to address program priorities for RWJF's teams and portfolios: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Pioneer, Public Health, Quality/Equality, and Vulnerable Populations. Midcareer Consultants will address program area priorities in their proposals by using the most relevant methodology as determined through the application process. Approaches might include qualitative methods (i.e., focus groups or interviews), environmental scans, mixed methods, or other innovative approaches to research and/or evaluation.