Grant Title: RWJF JUNIOR INVESTIGATORS

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A


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

Release and Expiration: N/A


Amount: Up to 10 Junior Investigators grants of up to $100,000. Of the 10 Junior Investigator grants awarded in this funding round, up to three grants will be designated for Public Health Law Research-New Connections (PHLR-NC) awards.

Length of Support: Up to 24 months.

Eligible Applicants: New Connections Junior Investigator program applicants must: have completed a doctoral degree (including a JD for PHLR-NC applicants) within the last 10 years (obtained by April 1, 2003 or later); 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 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 and is not a private Foundation as defined under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; have agreement from the sponsoring institution to administer and be the recipient of the grant; be from a group that has historically been underrepresented in research activities, such as people from ethnic or racial minority groups, first-generation college graduates and people from low-income communities; have never received a prior grant from RWJF; 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, 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 to help teams address their research and evaluation needs. The program invites Junior Investigators-scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. New Connections is a career development program for early- and mid-career researchers. The aim is to enhance the research capacity of scholars from underrepresented groups. The New Connections program provides support and training to Junior Investigators to address program priorities for RWJF’s teams and portfolios: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Pioneer, Public Health, Quality/Equality, and Vulnerable Populations. Junior Investigators will address program area priorities in their proposals by using the most appropriate methodology as determined through the application process. Approaches may involve using secondary data analysis, systematic review, mixed methods, or other relevant and innovative methods. As appropriate, original data collection may be an option. Applicants that 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 Health and Medical Care Archive (ICPSR).