Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – 2021 Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program

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Submission Limitations: N/A
Foundation Deadline: Funder Deadline March 17th, 2021

Purpose
The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP) offers four-year postdoctoral research awards to physicians, dentists, and nurses from historically marginalized backgrounds. Scholars should be committed to working toward eliminating health disparities by achieving senior rank in academic medicine, dentistry, or nursing.

The program provides scholars with:
- development of research, academic, and leadership skills;
- ongoing mentoring by a distinguished national advisory committee;
- a grounding in the social determinants of health, health equity, and the elements of a Culture of Health;
- growth in communications skills to advance the impact of scholars’ research and scholarship in the field.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria
To be eligible for this award, applicants must be physicians, dentists, or nurses who:
- are from historically marginalized backgrounds;
- are U.S. citizens, permanent residents at the time of application, or individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the time of application (changes in federal policy or law may necessitate that we consider adjustments in eligibility and grant terms);
- are completing or have completed their formal clinical training (we will give preference to those who have recently completed their formal clinical training or—in the case of nurses—their research doctorate);
- are not related by blood or marriage to any Officer or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson.

Federal, state, tribal, and local government employees who are not considered government officials under Section 4946 of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply.

Physicians must be Board-eligible to apply for this program. A dental applicant must be a general dentist with a master’s or a doctoral degree or have completed advanced dental education. Nurse applicants must be registered nurses with a research doctorate in nursing or a related discipline completed by the application deadline.

Detailed research plans and budgets for selected finalists must be submitted by the university, school of medicine, dentistry, nursing, or research institution with which the prospective scholar will be affiliated during the term of the fellowship.

Key Dates
- **March 17, 2021 (3 p.m. ET)**  
  Deadline for receipt of completed online applications.
- **July 14–16, 2021**  
  Semifinalist applicant interviews with national advisory committee members in Chicago.
- **December 2021**  
  Notification of awards.

Total Awards
RWJF will fund up to 10 four-year awards of up to $420,000 each in this grant cycle. Scholars will receive an annual stipend of up to $75,000 each, complemented by a $30,000 annual grant to support research activities. As detailed above, additional awards are available through partnerships with the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and the American Heart Association (AHA).

**Application Components:** Applicants are encouraged to work with Connor Cook  Office of Foundation Relations before final submission to the sponsor.