

New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming - Junior Investigators

Eligibility Criteria *

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Junior Investigator applicants to the New Connections program must:

- have completed a doctoral degree (including a J.D. for PHLR-NC applicants) within the last 10 years (obtained by April 1, 2003 or later);
- be U.S. Citizens, Resident Foreign Nationals or Resident Non-Citizen 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 non-profit 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.

1. Do you fit the eligibility criteria described above? *

- Yes
 No

2. Are you a member of a historically disadvantaged or underrepresented group as defined in the Call for Proposals? *

If your answer is "No," you are ineligible for New Connections because we are providing funding only to individuals who come from a historically disadvantaged or underrepresented group.

Please go back and review eligibility criteria in the Call for Proposals (see "View Call for Proposals" link on the left). If you still have questions, please contact the New Connections office (see "Contact Us" link on the left).

- Yes
 No

3. Have you received prior RWJF funding as a principal investigator of a research/evaluation project? *

If yes, you are ineligible for this funding opportunity because we are providing funding to those individuals who have never received a prior grant from RWJF.

- Yes
 No

4. Are you a citizen, Resident Foreign National or Resident Non-Citizen National of the United States or its territories? *

If your answer is "No," you are ineligible for New Connections because we are providing funding only to citizens of the United States or its territories, Resident Foreign Nationals or Resident Non-Citizen Nationals.

Please go back and review eligibility criteria in the Call for Proposals (see "Call for Proposals" link on the left). If you still have questions, please contact the New Connections office (see "Contact Us" link on the left).

- Yes, I am a U.S. citizen.
 Yes, I am a Resident Foreign National.
 Yes, I am a Resident Non-Citizen National.
 No.

5. Have you completed your doctorate within the last ten years? *

If your answer is "No," you are ineligible for New Connections because we are providing funding to individuals who have completed their doctorate within the last ten years.

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- Yes
 No

6. Will your project span 24 months in length and involve at least 25% FTE (full time equivalency) throughout the life of the grant? *

If your answer is "No," you are ineligible for New Connections because we require grantees to work on a 24-month project that involve at least 25% FTE throughout the grant period.

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- Yes
 No

7. Will you be available to attend a New Connections Annual Symposium and a New Connections Research and Coaching Clinic in 2013, and at least two meetings at RWJF, for a total of four meetings, during the 24-month award period that starts April 1, 2013 and ends March 31, 2015? *

If your answer is "No," you are ineligible for New Connections because all grantees must attend all of the above meetings during the 24-month award period.

Please go back and review eligibility criteria in the Call for Proposals (see "View Call for Proposals" link on the left). If you still have questions, please contact the New Connections office (see "Contact Us" link on the left).

- Yes
 No

8. Are you affiliated with or sponsored by a university or a not-for-profit organization that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Code? *

If your answer is "No," you are ineligible for this funding initiative because all grantees must be affiliated with a not-for-profit or university organization.

Please go back and review eligibility criteria in the Call for Proposals (see "View Call for Proposals" link on the left). If you still have questions, please contact the New Connections office (see "Contact Us" link on the left).

- Yes
 No

A recipient cannot be related to any Officer** or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendent of the Foundation's founder.

- Are you related by blood or marriage to any Officer or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation?
- Are you a descendant of General Robert Wood Johnson? *

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

9. Do either of the above apply to you? *

- Yes
 No

10. If you specified "Yes" in the question above, please indicate the name(s) of the person/people to whom you are related. Include their role (e.g. Chairman, Chief of Staff, founder). *

You may skip this question if you respond "No" to the questions above.

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Key Contacts *

* Indicates required

Complete the required contact information requested below.

- To save your partially completed page, scroll to the bottom of this page and select "Save, continue editing" or "Save, return home".
- Use the "Copy feature" to copy completed organizational and address information to a new contact, choose a role from the drop-down menu and selecting the "Copy" button.

Project Director or Principal Investigator *

This is the person with the responsibility for carrying out the project. This person will be the primary recipient of all key Foundation correspondence: copy of award notice, post-award financial and monitoring and grant closure.

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| Email * | <input type="text"/> |
| Confirm Email * | <input type="text"/> |
| Prefix | <input type="text"/> |
| First Name * | <input type="text"/> |
| Middle Name | <input type="text"/> |
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| Country | <input type="text"/> |
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| Zip / Postal Code * | <input type="text"/> |
| Phone Number * | <input type="text"/> |
| Extension | <input type="text"/> |

Cell Phone

Fax

Website URL

Potential Mentor *

Junior Investigator applicants should identify a mentor they plan to work with over the course of their project.

Prefix

First Name *

Middle Name

Last Name *

Suffix

Degree *

Organization *

Position *

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Applicant & Project Information *

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1. Of which historically disadvantaged or underrepresented investigator group, as defined in the Call for Proposals, are you a member? *

Choose all that apply.

- Racial Minority (e.g., Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, or Asian/Pacific Islander)
- Ethnic Minority (e.g., Latino/Hispanic)
- First-generation college graduate
- Low-income Community
- Other

2. If you selected racial minority above, with which racial minority group do you identify? *

If you did not select racial minority above, choose "Not Applicable".

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black
- Multiracial
- Not Applicable

3. If you selected American Indian/Alaska Native above, please indicate with which group you identify. *

- American Indian
- Alaska Native

4. If you selected Black above, please indicate with which sub-ethnic group you identify. *

- African American
- Caribbean (e.g., Haitian, Jamaican)
- Central African (e.g., Congolese, Cameroonian)
- East African (e.g., Ethiopian, Somali)
- Southern African (e.g., South African, Zimbabwean)
- West African (e.g., Ghanaian, Senegalese)

5. If you selected Asian or Pacific Islander above, please indicate with which sub-ethnic group you identify (i.e., Vietnamese, Hmong, Filipino, or other underrepresented Asian sub-group). *

- East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean)
- Pacific Islander (e.g., Tahitian, Samoan and including native Hawaiians)
- South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani)
- Southeast Asian (e.g., Thai, Filipino, Hmong)

6. If you selected multiracial above, please specify the racial groups with which you identify. (e.g., Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, or Asian/Pacific Islander) *

7. If you selected Latino or Hispanic origin above, please indicate with which sub-ethnic group you identify. *

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| <input type="radio"/> Dominican | <input type="radio"/> Mexican (including indigenous populations, e.g., Oaxacan, Mixteco) |
| <input type="radio"/> Puerto Rican | <input type="radio"/> South American (e.g., Argentine, Chilean) |
| <input type="radio"/> Cuban | <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> Central American (e.g., Nicaraguan, Salvadoran) | |

8. Please describe how your racial or ethnic background has influenced your career and research agenda. *

Limit your response to no more than 200 characters.

9. If you selected that you are a first-generation college graduate, you must be the first person in your immediate family to obtain a two or four-year degree in any country. Please describe how being a first-generation college graduate has influenced your career and research agenda.

If you selected this answer, please describe your background. Limit your response to no more than 200 characters. If you did not select first-generation college graduate in question 1, you may skip this question.

10.

If you selected that you are from a low-income community, please describe your background. Please include the city, state, and zip code of the community you are from, and explain how coming from a low-income community has influenced your career and research agenda.

Limit your response to no more than 400 characters. If you did not select low-income community in question 1, you may skip this question.

Background and Training

11. Indicate doctoral degrees the Principal Investigator holds. *

Check all that apply.

- DNSc
- EdD
- JD
- MD
- PharmD
- PhD
- PsyD
- ScD
- Other (specify below)

12. At which institution(s) did you complete your doctorate? *

13. Indicate any other post-baccalaureate degrees the Principal Investigator holds. *

Check all that apply.

- MA
- MBA
- MPA
- MPH

- MPhil
- MPP
- MS
- MSN
- MSW/MSSW
- Other (specify below)

14. At which institution(s) did you complete your other post-baccalaureate degrees? *

15. Indicate the Principal Investigator's academic discipline/professional field. *

Choose a maximum of two responses.

- Demography
- Economics
- Education
- Epidemiology
- Geriatrics/Gerontology
- Health Services Research
- Health/Social/Public Policy
- History
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Other (specify below)

16. In which year did you complete your doctorate? *

- 2003 2009

- 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- 2007
- 2008

- 2010
- 2011
- 2012
- 2013

17. Did you complete a postdoctoral fellowship or program? *

- Yes
- No

18. If you answered "Yes," to the previous question, please provide detail about your postdoctoral fellowship or program experience. *

Limit your response to no more than 200 characters.

19. Have you received a training fellowship from another funder such as NIH or foundations such as Kellogg or Gates? *

- Yes
- No

20. If you answered "Yes," to the previous question, please provide detail about your training fellowship below. *

Limit your response to no more than 200 characters.

21. List any research training programs in which you have participated.

- A New Connections grantee/alumni
- National meeting
- RWJF Web site
- New Connections program Web site
- Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network
- Sisters of the Academy
- Brothers of the Academy
- Listserv, newsletter, advertisement or other publication
- New Connections Facebook page
- New Connections LinkedIn group
- New Connections Twitter feed
- Other Social Media
- Other (specify below)

26. If you selected "Colleague in a different organization" or "National meeting" in the question above, please specify the name of the organization or national meeting in the text box below.

27. If you selected "Listserv, newsletter, advertisement or other publication" in question 25, please name the listserv, newsletter, advertisement or other publication in the text box below.

About the Project

28. Did you carefully read the descriptions of RWJF program areas on the RWJF website, and identify the team whose work is of most interest to you? If so, choose the team that is most closely related to your interest. Please note that if selected as a finalist, you will be assigned to a program team based on a combination of your interests and team needs. *

See "CFP" link on left navigation bar for details on RWJF program areas. Choose one team from the list below.

- Childhood Obesity
- Coverage
- Human Capital
- Pioneer
- Public Health
- Quality/Equality
- Vulnerable Populations

29. Please select an alternate team that closely aligns with your interest. This selection must be different from your previous selection. *

- Childhood Obesity
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Required Documents *

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All documents must be converted to PDF format prior to uploading. For additional information regarding converting your document to PDF, refer to the "Applicant Guide" (see link on left navigation bar), "Upload a Document" section or the "Troubleshooting Tips" (File Formats).

When you have completed this page, select the "Save, section finished" button at the bottom of the page. Once all sections of your proposal are complete, you need to return to the Home Page and "Submit" your proposal. All uploaded documents may be updated and replaced until you submit your proposal.

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| <p>Personal Statement *</p> <p>Your personal statement should address the following areas; it should be no more than two pages (using a 12-point font, one-inch margins, and double-spacing):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please explain your status as a historically-underrepresented researcher and how it has impacted your career. Additionally, if you designated on the application that you are from a low-income community or the first person in your family to attend college (in any country) explain how that has impacted your career. • Please tell us how you developed an interest in research pertaining to health and health care. • Additionally, detail how being awarded New Connections funding would impact your career and what aspects of the New Connections program are particularly relevant to your career development. | | |
| <p>Professional Statement *</p> <p>Your professional statement should address the following areas; it should be no more than two pages (using a 12-point font, one-inch margins, and double-spacing):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please use this opportunity to describe your prior research experiences; this would include research topics of interest as well as the research methodologies you have applied in your work. • Also detail any new research directions you are interested in pursuing and how this transition will enhance your career trajectory. • Additionally, you should provide a description of your current work and how it addresses issues affecting underserved populations. • Take this time to provide examples of how your work aligns with the RWJF teams you identified earlier. | | |
| <p>Applicant Curriculum Vitae *</p> <p>Upload your curriculum vitae, not exceeding 10 pages in length. Be sure to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional experience, with the position you held and your main responsibilities. • Education/training, beginning with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, including any graduate education. | | |