Future of Nursing Scholars 2015 Call for Proposals

Eligibility Criteria *

* Indicates required

Organizational Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the program, schools with research focused PhD in nursing programs must have the resources available to facilitate the students' successful completion of a PhD in three academic years.

1. Does the applicant organization meet this requirement? *

    ○ Yes
    ○ No

Applicant organizations must be based in the United States or its territories and be either public entities or tax-exempt as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3).

2. Does the applicant organization meet this requirement? *

    ○ Yes
    ○ No

In addition, schools must:

- Provide a primary nurse mentor/dissertation advisor experienced in the research process with a demonstrated track record of independent research, extramural funding and scholarship, and with experience mentoring doctoral students to successful completion of a quality dissertation and subsequent publication.
- Facilitate a student's choice of a second mentor, from a school or field outside of nursing (could be from the same university or outside of the university and agreed upon by primary mentor), working in the scholar's research area or other related fields such as economics, policy or innovation, who will support his or her development as a scholar.
- Demonstrate strong commitment to ensuring the scholar's successful completion of the PhD degree in three years.
- Demonstrate the resources (e.g. research infrastructure) to support faculty and student research.
- Demonstrate the ability to guarantee $50,000 in matching funds over three years to support each scholar. These funds may be in kind e.g. tuition and/or research support, health insurance, supplement of stipend, support for scholars to participate in *Future of Nursing Scholars* yearly programs. Matching funds may not be taken from other RWJF grants.
- Demonstrate the administrative and financial capacity and experience to accept the award on behalf of the Scholar and to comply with all reporting requirements.

3. Does the applicant organization agree to meet the above requirements? *

    ○ Yes
    ○ No

4. Please describe how your school will provide the funding match of $50,000 per scholar. *

    Select all that apply

    ☐ Tuition support

☐ Health benefits

☐ Stipend

☐ Research support

☐ Other

[ ]

5. Please describe how you will fund the $50,000 match. *

    Select all that apply

    ☐ School or department budget

    ☐ Outside funder (describe below)

    ☐ Other

    [ ]

6. If you selected "Outside funder" in question 5 above, please list the funders in the space below. *

    If you did not select "Outside funder," please enter N/A.

    [ ]

Eligibility Criteria for Future Scholars

Note:

In support of the IOM Future of Nursing report, the Future of Nursing Scholars program seeks to increase the number of nurses with PhDs. We applaud our philanthropic colleagues who provide scholarship funding to nurses pursuing doctoral degrees. It will take all of our collective support to double the number of nurses with doctoral degrees in the US. The program also seeks to shorten the time to completion of the PhD degree to 3 years. Thus students who already have scholarship funding through another philanthropic fellowship are not eligible for consideration as Future of Nursing Scholars. Other fellowships frequently have extra time and project commitments that may interfere with the focused study necessary for a three year PhD completion.

7. Scholars selected for receipt of award funds must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents at the time of award. If selected for funding, will the applicant institution monitor and meet this requirement? *

    ○ Yes
    ○ No

Additionally, selected scholars cannot be related by blood or marriage to any Officer** or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson.

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

8. Does the applicant organization agree to monitor and meet these requirements for future scholars selected? *

   ◯ Yes
   ◯ No

Scholars should be selected from a diverse pool of highly qualified and motivated applicants. Schools must have sufficient resources available to support the scholars to be successful in a three academic year PhD program. In addition to meeting the school's admission requirements, scholars must also demonstrate:

- Strong motivation, goal-directed behavior, and commitment to completing their PhD degree in three years.
- Commitment to a long term leadership career in nursing, research, education, policy or other areas.
- Leadership skills as evidenced by work in their community, professional or other organizations.
- Research goals and objectives congruent with goals and foci of the doctoral program, including a match with faculty research expertise and program resources.

9. Will the applicant school monitor and meet these requirements? *

   ◯ Yes
   ◯ No

Applicant Organization and Tax Verification *

Provide the following information about the applicant organization. **Include the formal legal name of the organization that, if awarded, will receive grant funds.**

Note: If the Applicant Organization is a college or university, include the appropriate School, Department or Unit.

You may use the "Select organization information" link below to facilitate the entry of data required below. If the information already exists in the GuideStar Exchange or from prior activity with RWJF, the fields below will become prepopulated with the required data. If that occurs, please be sure to proofread the prepopulated information to ensure that it is accurate and current. Feel free to edit as needed. Use this link to learn more about this feature. If, instead, you prefer to manually enter all the required information below, you may do so.

Organization *	
School/Department/Unit	
Address *	
Address (line 2)	
City *	
State / Territory *	
Zip Code + 4-digit extension *	
Phone Number *	
Fax Number	
Website	

Tax Verification

1. Applicant Organization Tax ID (Employer ID Number)

2. Is the applicant organization tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a state university, or a governmental entity? *

   ○ Yes   ○ No

3. Is the applicant organization a private foundation, or a Type III supporting organization? *

   ○ Yes   ○ No

   NOTE: Preference is given to tax-exempt organizations that are not private foundations or Type III supporting organizations. The Foundation may require additional documentation.

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Key Contacts *

- 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 select the "Copy" button.
- If the Key Contact Organization is a college or university, include the appropriate School, Department, or Unit.

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Doctoral Program Director *

This is the person with the responsibility for overseeing 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. Additionally, after the application is submitted, this person will be asked to provide feedback to an independent survey firm on the application process and applicant characteristics in a brief, online survey. RWJF will share this person's contact information, including email address, with the survey firm for the sole purpose of soliciting feedback.

Email *

Confirm Email *

Prefix *

First Name *

Middle Name

Last Name *

Suffix

Degree(s)

Organization *

Position *

School/Department/Unit

Address *

Address (line 2)

City *

Country

State / Territory *

Zip or Postal Code * [   ]

Office Phone Number * [   ]   Phone Extn [   ]

Cell Phone Number [   ]

Fax Number [   ]

Dean, School of Nursing

If applicable, provide the following information for the Dean, School of Nursing who will share responsibility for this project. This person will also receive all key Foundation correspondence as described above.

Email * [   ]

Confirm Email * [   ]

Prefix * [   ]

First Name * [   ]

Middle Name [   ]

Last Name * [   ]

Suffix [   ]

Degree(s) [   ]

Organization * [   ]

Position * [   ]

School/Department/Unit [   ]

Address * [   ]

Address (line 2) [   ]

City * [   ]

Country [   ]

State / Territory * [   ]

Zip or Postal Code * [   ]

Office Phone Number * [   ]   Phone Extn [   ]

Cell Phone Number [   ]

Fax Number [   ]

Alternate Contact

The Alternate Contact should be the Project Director's/Principal Investigator's assistant or another person we can contact if the Project Director/Principal Investigator is unavailable.

Email *	
Confirm Email *	
Prefix *	
First Name *	
Middle Name	
Last Name *	
Suffix	
Degree(s)	
Organization *	
Position *	
School/Department/Unit	
Address *	
Address (line 2)	
City *	
Country	
State / Territory *	
Zip or Postal Code *	
Office Phone Number *	Phone Extn
Cell Phone Number	
Fax Number	

Financial Contact *

The financial contact should be someone with whom we can communicate regarding budgetary matters.

Email *	
Confirm Email *	
Prefix *	
First Name *	

Middle Name	
Last Name *	
Suffix	
Degree(s)	
Organization *	
Position *	
School/Department/Unit	
Address *	
Address (line 2)	
City *	
Country	
State / Territory *	
Zip or Postal Code *	
Office Phone Number *	Phone Extn
Cell Phone Number	
Fax Number	

Financial Officer *
This is the person who will receive all payments for this award.

Email *	
Confirm Email *	
Prefix *	
First Name *	
Middle Name	
Last Name *	
Suffix	
Degree(s)	
Organization *	
Position *	

School/Department/Unit	
Address *	
Address (line 2)	
City *	
Country	
State / Territory *	
Zip or Postal Code *	
Office Phone Number *	Phone Extn
Cell Phone Number	
Fax Number	

Authorized Official *

This is the person who receives the Letter of Agreement for a project and whom the applicant organization has designated as being authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the organization. This person will receive a copy of the award notice.

Email *	
Confirm Email *	
Prefix *	
First Name *	
Middle Name	
Last Name *	
Suffix	
Degree(s)	
Organization *	
Position *	
School/Department/Unit	
Address *	
Address (line 2)	
City *	
Country	

State / Territory *

Zip or Postal Code *

Office Phone Number *   Phone Extn

Cell Phone Number

Fax Number

Highest Ranking Official *

This person is generally the highest ranking individual of the applicant organization (e.g., CEO, president, chancellor or similar officer). The award notice is addressed to this person.

Email *

Confirm Email *

Prefix *

First Name *

Middle Name

Last Name *

Suffix

Degree(s)

Organization *

Position *

School/Department/Unit

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Funding *

1. In this round of funding, scholars may be supported by one of six funders. These funders each have different criteria. *

   Please review the list of funders (and funding criteria) below, and then select those which may be a match for your school.

   - **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**. No geographic or topic restrictions.
   - **Independence Blue Cross Foundation**. These awards are limited to research focused nursing PhD programs in the following Pennsylvania counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia. Preference is for students who demonstrate research interest in one of the following topics:
     - geriatric health;
     - childhood obesity;
     - community and public health.
   - **Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc**. No geographic or topic restrictions.
   - **North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System**. Selected scholars will be employees of the health system.
   - **Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**. Selected scholars will be employees of the health system.
   - **Ascension Health.** Selected scholars will be employees of the health system.

   (Check all that apply.)

   ☐ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

   ☐ Independence Blue Cross Foundation

   ☐ Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc. (These funds will be awarded by the National Program Office.)

   ☐ North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System

   ☐ Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

   ☐ Ascension Health (These funds will be awarded by the National Program Office.)

8/20/2014 - In addition to the funders listed above, the **Rhode Island Foundation** has just been added. The Rhode Island Foundation award is limited to a research focused nursing PhD program in Rhode Island.

Note: If additional funders are added to this Call for Proposals before September 30, 2014, they will be added to the website (www.futureofnursingscholars.org) and we will alert all applicants who started an application of any such additions and you will have the opportunity to indicate additional funding choices in the space below.

2. If you feel this/these funder(s) are a match for your school, please indicate in the space below.

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3. Up to how many scholars could your school support in this cohort? *

Please choose one of the following responses:

1
2
3
4

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Executive Summary *

School Name *

Proposed Project Start Date

9/1/2015

End Date

8/31/2018

Executive Summary *

In no more than 4000 characters, including spaces (roughly 750 words), please summarize your proposed program in the text box below. This project summary should briefly describe each component of your proposal.

The system will not permit a response that exceeds 4000 characters, including spaces.

Full Proposal Narrative *

To Begin

Download the template shown below. Follow the instructions included on the template.

To Upload

Upload the completed template by selecting the "Upload document" button in the "Uploaded Documents" column. For assistance with uploading, refer to the "Upload Documents" section of the "Applicant Guide," located in the Reference box to the left.

Description	Templates	Uploaded Documents
Full Proposal Narrative * To maintain the original formatting, *you must convert your document to a PDF file prior to uploading*. For additional information, refer to "Troubleshooting Tips," located in the Reference box to the left. (Maximum of 10 pages.)	Full Proposal Narrative	

Supporting Documents *

To Begin

- Follow the instructions shown below for each document.

To Upload

- Upload the completed documents by selecting the "Upload document" button in the "Uploaded Documents" column. For additional upload instructions, refer to the "Upload Documents" section of the "Applicant Guide" (link on left side of screen).
- **You must convert your document(s) to a PDF file prior to uploading.** Converting to a PDF will maintain the original formatting. For additional information, refer to the "Troubleshooting Tips" link to the left.

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

Description	Templates	Uploaded Documents
Proposed Mentor Information * Please provide 2-3 examples of faculty members you might choose to serve as mentors to scholars in the program. Provide their qualifications as relative to the program description listed in the call for proposals and explain why they would be appropriate mentors. (Maximum of five pages.)		
Sample Curriculum * Please provide a one-page sample curriculum for your doctoral program. The sample should include a respond to the following questions. • How will this differ from your traditional curriculum? • How will you implement if wildly different from traditional? • Include progression benchmarks. • Specify if your program uses credits or course units (CUs). (Maximum of one page.)		

Polls and Surveys *

Please respond to the question below to let us know if there are to be any polls or surveys that will be a part of this proposed project.

Note: RWJF-funded surveys must conform to the Code of Professional Ethics and Practices of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR).

All grantees conducting a survey will be expected to fill out two survey forms, describing their Survey Design and Survey Results. If awarded a grant, links to both survey forms will be emailed to the project director 30 days after the award date.

A survey is defined as any quantitative study of human populations that has the following characteristics:

1. The population to be studied is defined.
2. A sample is selected from this population.
3. Characteristics of this sample are measured.
4. Sample statistics are calculated.
5. Inferences are made from the sample statistics to the population parameters of interest.

The following types of research do *not* constitute survey research: focus groups, specialized interviewing, additional analysis of a previously fielded survey, laboratory or other experiments.

For additional information, please read the RWJF Guidelines for Funding and Releasing Polls and Surveys.

Poll and Survey FAQs are available here.

1. Will any polls or surveys be conducted as part of this proposed project? *

   If you are unsure if your proposed project will contain a poll or survey, please select "Yes" at this time.

   ◯ Yes   ◯ No

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Full Proposal Narrative

Instructions for using this template.

This template is to be used to provide your proposal narrative.

You should:

    Print this template in its entirety before you begin, so you have the instructions available at all times.

    Complete the **Identifying Information** shown below this block of instructions.

    Delete this block of instructions before uploading your proposal narrative.

    Save your final Proposal Narrative as a PDF file. *Refer to the online Applicant Guide, "Upload a Document" section (see link on left navigation bar) for more information on uploading your PDF file. Refer to the Troubleshooting Tips (see link on left navigation bar) for additional information on converting your document to a PDF file.*

    Upload the PDF file to the Proposal Narrative section of the online system.

NOTES:

    Your narrative should be typed in **12-point Arial font and black type**. **The entire narrative, including section headings, should be no more than 10 pages with single spacing** and one-inch margins on the top, bottom and sides of the page.

    You will not be able to upload a document that is longer than 10 pages.

    Do not adjust the margins or font style/size of this template.

    No hardcopy materials will be accepted as part of your online submission.

Remember to delete this block of instructions—and the guidelines shown under each section heading below—before uploading this template.

Identifying Information
Project Title: (your project title goes here)
Application I.D.: (your application ID goes here—found in the upper right corner of any screen in this online system)
Applicant Name: (your Doctoral Program Director's name goes here)
Legal Name of Applicant Organization: (Legal Name of Applicant Organization goes here)

Proposal Narrative

Goals/Vision/Values

Describe your doctoral program's vision, goals, and the values held to facilitate the success of your students.
(Suggested page length: 1 page)

Academic Content

Describe the 3-year curriculum of your research focused PhD program, including benchmarks for progression and where they fit in the curriculum. Provide an overall curriculum plan for progression through the program in three years and describe how you will assure and support a three year completion. How will this will differ from your traditional program and what will you do to support this shift for the scholars in this program?

Discuss relevant research practica or other opportunities available for students, including interdisciplinary opportunities outside of the school of nursing. Opportunities should include, but not be limited to the selection of a secondary mentor outside of the nursing profession and discipline who can support the research, scholarship, innovation and policy interests of the scholar. Schools may also discuss coursework that is completed outside the school of nursing, research opportunities for scholars to work on interdisciplinary teams, etc. Describe your program's approach for supporting students to pursue grant funding. Provide examples of elective or cognate courses available to your students and where they fit in the curriculum.

One of the program's goals is to increase the number of PhD admissions at participating schools. Therefore, applicants should demonstrate how use of program funds will allow this to be accomplished.

Describe the number of doctoral students you have accepted and graduated each year for the last 5 years on this chart:

Year/Cohort	Graduation Rate of the Cohort	Number of Withdrawals in the Cohort	Average Length of Completion of the Cohort	Number that Completed PhD in 3 Years

Please describe how support from this program will allow you to increase the number of applicants in your 2015 incoming class above your five year average.

(Suggested page length: 3 pages)

Student Support and Mentoring

Describe how the three academic year PhD program is designed to support students and facilitate their success, including the components of your school's mentoring program and research support. Describe the activities that promote students' ability to function effectively in academic, policy or other leadership careers after graduation.

Discuss leadership opportunities and skill-building activities available to students. Highlight evidence of students' research, extramural funding, and publication. Describe your faculty's involvement with T32 training grants and indicate the portion of faculty with active grant support. Please provide a detailed description of how students will be integrated into existing research teams and how this integration will fit with the mentoring program.

Describe sources of student tuition and research support. Describe the process used to match students with mentors, including the required secondary mentor outside the field of nursing. Provide specifics on how your school assesses the strengths of your mentorship and leadership programs.
(Suggested page length: 2 pages)

Program Structure and Infrastructure

Describe your school's research infrastructure including the school's office for research services. Describe the resources and supports available for students including statistical support, data management faculties, and proposal and manuscript review opportunities. Describe your school's total NIH and foundation funding over the last five years. Discuss the faculty's experience in establishing track records of independent research, mentoring students, and publishing.
(Suggested page length: 2 pages)

Diversity

Consistent with RWJF values, this program embraces diversity and inclusion across multiple dimensions, such as race, ethnicity, gender, disability, age and socioeconomic status. Describe the university and school's approaches to ensuring diversity among faculty and students. Please provide specific data on diversity of faculty and of PhD students in your program.
(Suggested page length: 1 page)

Matching Funds

Describe how you will meet the requirement for $50,000 matching funds for the student over the three years of their PhD program. Discuss how funds will be used (i.e. tuition support, health benefits, stipend, etc.) and explain the source(s) of funding.
(Suggested page length: 1 page)