

## **RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders FAQ for Website**

**Q: Do you have a definition for "mid-career" as it relates to eligibility for this funding opportunity?**

A: We do not have a set definition for "mid-career." Generally speaking, researchers would be considered "mid-career" if they are more than four years out from their PhD or other terminal degree and not within eight years of retirement. Researchers and community leaders who are interested in applying are invited to make their case for their mid-career status in the application materials. If you have questions, please contact the program office at [ResearchLeaders@umn.edu](mailto:ResearchLeaders@umn.edu).

**Q: Would health promotion activities at a neighborhood barbershop fit under the "Housing, Community Development, and Health" topic area?**

A: We are interested in community building and engagement for its potential to strengthen communities and improve health. Community development can serve as a platform for services and activities that enhance the well-being of community members. A neighborhood barbershop setting would be considered under this topic area in the call for applications.

**Q: I am interested in applying for this program, but I do not have a full team to apply with. Can anyone help me find additional team members to partner with?**

A: Please email [ResearchLeaders@umn.edu](mailto:ResearchLeaders@umn.edu). The Interdisciplinary Research Leaders national program leadership center will be offering limited assistance to help researchers and non-researcher community leaders identify possible team members.

**Q: How does my team apply? Does each team member submit his or her own application, or does each team submit a single application?**

A: Each team will submit one application, with one team member designated as the primary team contact. The application system allows this initial team member to create the application and then invite contributors (using the blue "Invite" button on the left-hand side of the home screen in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation online system) so that all team members have access to same application. We strongly encourage all potential applicants and applicant team members to review all application materials and templates in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) online system as soon as possible. These materials are available at now at <http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/irl>.

**Q: For the "Early Childhood and Health" topic area in the call for applications, how is early childhood defined?**

A: We broadly define early childhood as birth to 8 years old; however, researchers may propose ideas that make a case for looking at pregnancy and beyond 8 years of age.

However, Interdisciplinary Research Leaders has a preference for period between birth and age 5, when the lion's share of development occurs. Applicants should describe the population of interest and make their case for how it falls within the early childhood setting.

**Q: When will the research themes be announced for the 2017 Call for Applications for Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Cohort 2?**

A: We anticipate announcing the research themes for Cohort 2 in early 2017. We invite you to sign up on the program website at <http://interdisciplinaryresearch-leaders.org> to receive program announcements, including funding alerts.