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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research program supports researchers whose cross-cutting and innovative ideas promise to contribute to improving health and health policy in America. We seek a diverse group of applicants from varied disciplines or fields including minorities, early-career researchers and individuals who work in non-academic settings such as research firms and policy organizations.

The program funds projects with a broader scope than traditional National Institutes of Health or National Science Foundation grants. Data-driven health services research that focuses on a narrowly-defined research question is inappropriate for this program, as are pilot projects that are designed to evaluate clinical care in a specific geographic area or to demonstrate service delivery programs or financing strategies.

We welcome applications from educational institutions or 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations located in the United States, or its territories on behalf of investigators in the health, social, and behavioral sciences, as well as other fields. While investigators who are not affiliated with such an organization may submit a letter of intent, those who are asked to submit a full proposal must obtain an organizational sponsor for their projects.

We support projects by individual investigators or collaborations by two Co-Principal Investigators. Applicants may submit only one application for this solicitation. *Past Investigator Awardees and teams of more than two investigators may not apply.*

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

Yes

No (Please explain below.)

An Investigator Award recipient [either the Principal Investigator (PI) or the Co-PI (if there is one)] cannot be related to any Officer** or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendent of the Foundation's founder.

- Are either the PI or Co-PI (if there is one) related by blood or marriage to any Officer or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation?
- Are either the PI or the Co-PI (if there is one) 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.*

2. Does either of the above apply to either the PI or the Co-PI (if there is one)? *

Yes

No

3.

If you specified "Yes" in the question above, please indicate the name of the related applicant, whether the related applicant is the PI or the Co-PI (if there is one), and the name(s) and role of the person(s) at the Foundation to whom the applicant is related (e.g. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, President and CEO). *

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

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Contact Information *

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Enter the contact information required for the Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-PI (if there is one).

- To save a 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 then select the "Copy" button.

Principal Investigator *

Email *	<input type="text"/>		
Confirm Email *	<input type="text"/>		
Prefix	<input type="text"/>		
First Name *	<input type="text"/>		
Middle Initial	<input type="text"/>		
Last Name *	<input type="text"/>		
Degrees *	<input type="text"/>		
Institution or Organization *	<input type="text"/>		
Present Position *	<input type="text"/>		
Department/School *	<input type="text"/>		
Address *	<input type="text"/>		
City *	<input type="text"/>		
Country	<input type="text"/>		
State / Territory *	<input type="text"/>		
Zip / Postal Code *	<input type="text"/>		
Office Phone Number *	<input type="text"/>	Ext.	<input type="text"/>
Fax Number	<input type="text"/>		

Co-Principal Investigator

Enter Co-PI contact information only if applicable.

Email *	<input type="text"/>
Confirm Email *	<input type="text"/>
Prefix	<input type="text"/>

First Name *

Middle Initial

Last Name *

Degrees *

Institution or Organization *

Present Position *

Department/School *

Address *

City *

Country

State / Territory *

Zip / Postal Code *

Office Phone Number *

Ext.

Fax Number

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About the Principal Investigator(s) *

* Indicates required

1. Do you have a Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) for this project? *

Please note that having a Co-PI is optional. If you respond "No" to this question, you will skip Co-PI related questions below.

- Yes
 No

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

Choose a maximum of two responses.

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

3. Indicate Co-Principal Investigator's academic discipline/professional field. *

Choose a maximum of two responses.

- Demography
 Economics
 Epidemiology
 Ethics/Philosophy
 Geriatrics/Gerontology
 Health Services Research

- Health/Social/Public Policy
- History
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Psychology
- Sociology
- Other (please specify)

4. Indicate post-baccalaureate degrees that the Principal Investigator holds. *

Check all that apply.

- PhD
- MD
- JD
- RN
- MBA
- MPH
- MS
- Other (specify below)

5. Indicate post-baccalaureate degrees that the Co-Principal Investigator holds. *

Check all that apply.

- PhD
- MD
- JD
- RN
- MBA
- MPH
- MS
- Other (specify below)

6.

Indicate how you heard about the program's funding opportunities: *

Choose a maximum of two responses.

- A colleague, investigator, or NAC member told me about the program
- Received an email from the Investigator Awards program
- Attended an informational session at ASA, APSA or AEA
- Visited www.investigatorawards.org
- Visited www.rwjf.org or www.rwjfleaders.org
- From another organization's website or listserv
- Saw an advertisement
- From an RWJF program officer
- From participating in another RWJF national program
- Other (Please specify below.)

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Project Details *

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The amount of funding requested is limited to \$335,000 maximum including indirect costs. Investigators must be prepared to commit substantial time to the project. Grant funds are to be used primarily for project salary support for the principal investigator(s). In circumstances where salary support may be available from other sources, a larger portion of the budget may be allocated to research-related expenses.

Note: Projects may not start before February 1, 2012 or after September 1, 2012 and are limited to a duration of 24-60 months. There will not be any extensions granted beyond 60 months. Given these guidelines, please enter your projected start date and duration (in months) in the fields below.

Project Title *

Amount Requested \$ *

Start Date *

Duration *

months

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Required Documents *

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Be sure to read the Letter of Intent (LOI) Instructions by selecting the link below under Templates.

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".

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" your application from the Home Page. All uploaded documents may be updated and replaced until you submit your application. Please note that once your application is submitted, no further changes can be made. Due to the large volume of applications, we cannot provide individual critiques of letters of intent.

Description	Templates	Uploaded Documents
<p>Letter of Intent (4 pages) *</p> <p>Before you write your letter of intent (LOI), we recommend that you review the "Tips for Developing Your LOI" and the "Samples" of past, successful Letters of Intent (see links on left navigation bar).</p> <p>Review and print the instructions on how to prepare your letter of intent by selecting the link to the right under Templates. The four-page letter of intent should be double-spaced using 10-, 11- or 12-point font. Cited references are optional and can be included as a fifth page if needed.</p> <p>The Letter of Intent must be saved in PDF format and then uploaded. This system will only accept document uploads in PDF format.</p>	<p>Letter of Intent Instructions</p>	
<p>Curriculum Vitae(s) *</p> <p>A full curriculum vitae of not more than 25 pages is required for the Principal Investigator and Co-PI, if there is one (25 pages maximum for each investigator).</p> <p>The CV(s) must be saved in PDF format and then uploaded. This system will only accept document uploads in PDF format.</p>		

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Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research Letter of Intent Instructions

Before you write your letter of intent, we recommend that you review the "Tips" on developing your LOI and the "Samples" of past, successful Letters of Intent (see links on left navigation bar).

The four-page letter of intent should be double-spaced using a 10-, 11- or 12-point font.

The letter of intent must include:

- the title of the proposed research project;
- a brief description of the problems being addressed and their policy significance;
- the specific research questions and issues to be explored;
- a summary of the approach and activities to be undertaken and how the proposed study could illuminate the questions you seek to understand;
- a statement of what is innovative or creative about the proposed research;
- the anticipated contribution of the proposed study to improving health policy and the potential audience(s) for the work;
- a brief description of your qualifications and track record. If you have a Co-PI, mention any prior experience working together on research projects and publications; and
- the project length (24 to 60 months) and estimated budget (\$335,000 maximum, including indirect costs of up to 12 percent). We do not need an itemized budget at this stage.

Cited references are optional and can be included as a fifth page if needed. Any tables (which are optional) should be included in the body of the four-page letter of intent. Letters of support are optional and not encouraged except when they are crucial to the conduct of the proposed project, for example, a letter certifying access to needed data not generally available or access to a research site that cannot be assumed. Please contact us first before including an appendix - send an email to depdir@ifh.rutgers.edu explaining briefly why an appendix is needed. We let you know by email whether or not the appendix should be submitted with your application.

The Letter of Intent must be saved in PDF format and uploaded on the Required Documents page.