

2024 Call for Applications

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Health Policy Research Scholars

BACKGROUND

At the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), we are working alongside others to build a national Culture of Health. Our goal is to help improve the health of everyone in the United States by placing wellbeing at the center of every aspect of life.

To attain a Culture of Health, we must be honest about the fact that too many people and communities in our nation start behind, and stay behind, because they don't have the same opportunities as others, due to long-entrenched policies, practices, and narratives designed to exclude them. As a society, we need to acknowledge that racism is part of our history. If we don't focus on and tackle structural racism, we simply can't make progress toward health equity in America. We need to own our history, we need to talk about it, and we need to work together to fix it. We need to ask ourselves what our current policies, practices, and narratives are doing to repair the damage. Whom do our policies and our investments benefit the most? And whom do they hurt or exclude? What are we doing to improve the health of everyone? What social conditions continue to perpetuate the pernicious cycle of prejudice, isolation, and oppression?

We must address both the socioeconomic factors that affect health and lift the barriers of racism to ensure everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Therefore, RWJF is working to achieve healthy and equitable community conditions; equitable and accountable public health and healthcare systems; and economic inclusion for family wellbeing. We know that accomplishing this will take unprecedented collaboration—a movement for better health. At the same time, we also know we are far from alone in our belief that everyone should have the opportunity to lead a healthier life. And by working alongside many others, we can bring about meaningful change, now and for generations to come.

We believe that building leadership for health equity is an essential lever for change, especially the complex change needed to dismantle structural racism. Leadership for health equity is the capacity for individuals, organizations, or communities to co-create an emerging future in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity for health and wellbeing. It requires all of us to work both independently and collectively, with equal attention to system and policy change and internal culture and practice. It takes a commitment to collaboration, respect, and accountability.

That's why RWJF is committed to:

- Centering equity in our leadership strategies;
- Supporting systems leaders to shift the conditions that are holding problems in place; and
- Strengthening collective leadership approaches.

We believe the key components of supporting leadership for health equity are giving leaders the resources and supports they need to thrive; building connections with others doing this important work; and strengthening the conditions for leadership to emerge. That's why RWJF supports a number of leadership development programs.

Do you share this [vision for leadership](#)—and do you want to take the next step in your leadership journey? We encourage you to explore the [Health Policy Research Scholars](#) program, highlighted in this call for applications (CFA).

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ABOUT THE HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) is a four-year national leadership development program for full-time doctoral students from a wide range of nonclinical research-focused disciplines in which policy is a key lever for change. HPRS is designed for students from a variety of fields/disciplines (e.g., urban planning; political science; economics; anthropology; education; social work; sociology; engineering; geography; lab/bench sciences) who are committed to ensuring their research is aligned with the health needs of communities. The program is focused on doctoral students who want to improve health, wellbeing, and equity; challenge longstanding, entrenched systems; exhibit new ways of working; collaborate across disciplines and sectors; and bolster their leadership skills. By providing training in health policy, how to think strategically, and how to craft an actionable research question that can inform solutions to advance health equity—as well as mentorship, career and leadership coaching—HPRS will develop a new community of research leaders who will build a Culture of Health in their disciplines and communities. Up to 40 scholars will be selected for the 2024 cohort.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recognizes that the increasing diversity in the country's population can best be served when research and researchers also reflect that diversity. The world needs diverse perspectives as our nation identifies key health policy questions and evaluates the impact of proposed policy solutions. The disproportionate burden of poor health (and the disproportionate exposure to environmental and socioeconomic conditions that lead to poor health) is borne by individuals and communities marginalized because of their race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or other factors. That is why increasing the number of doctoral students who can bring their identity or lived experiences to inform their research and practice is a focus of this program.

HPRS builds on RWJF's vision of leadership, viewing leadership as a dynamic, transformative, relational process of change aimed at repairing damage from historical and structural injustices and oppression. Active, ongoing collaboration facilitates this process that is rooted in shared power to design and implement equitable policies. Power is not relegated to a title, role, or position, but distributed among groups of people while transcending social boundaries. Effective leadership in the field of health policy research requires individual and collaborative tasks spanning both private and public sectors within society, as well as a willingness to challenge pervasive and systemic issues to co-design new solutions. Partnerships are developed and sustained while authentically engaging through both different and shared values. HPRS prepares scholars to lead through their disciplines from a framework of health equity, individually and collaboratively, and in alignment with their unique strengths and values.

Program Goals

After completing the HPRS program, the scholar should:

- Have extensive knowledge of a Culture of Health, health equity, health policy, leadership, systems change, and communication.
- Have the capacity to exercise individual and collective leadership.
- Be able to apply research and interdisciplinary collaboration skills to engage multiple sectors (e.g., policy, education, business, communities, institutions, and agencies) to effectively translate research findings that will inform and influence policy to advance a Culture of Health.
- Use strategies to leverage diverse interdisciplinary networks of researchers.
- Establish meaningful and sustained relationships and collaborations with HPRS and other RWJF leadership programs and program participants.
- Contribute to research and a national dialogue on the policy changes necessary for a Culture of Health, including the dismantling of structural racism.

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM?

- Applicants must be starting full-time, second-year doctoral studies in fall 2024 at a degree-granting institution based in the United States or its territories. Applicants must remain full time while enrolled in HPRS;
- Applicants must have at least three academic years remaining in their doctoral program and not expect to graduate before spring/summer 2027;
- Applicants must be from historically marginalized backgrounds and be able to describe how their background, identity, or lived experiences have positioned them to contribute to the goals of the program. Examples of marginalized backgrounds include, but are not limited to, first-generation college graduates; individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds; individuals from communities of color; and individuals with disabilities. If an applicant is applying because they have a marginalized background not listed above, the applicant must clearly describe how they meet the eligibility criteria in the application form;
- Applicants cannot be a recipient of a national fellowship program that prohibits participation in additional programs such as HPRS. Applicants should make sure to check the policies of other fellowships;
- Applicants must be at least 21 years old as of September 1, 2024;
- Federal, state, tribal, and local government employees are eligible to apply unless they are considered government officials¹ under Section 4946 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or individuals granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Status or Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at the time of application. As federal policy or laws change, we may need to consider adjustments in eligibility and grant terms;
- Individual candidates for receipt of award funds cannot be related by blood or marriage to any Officer, Manager, or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson.²

Is Health Policy Research Scholars the right program for me?

The goal of HPRS is to cultivate transformational leaders from diverse backgrounds with doctoral training—representing a wide range of research-focused disciplines—who will inform and influence policy toward a Culture of Health. We strongly encourage applications from nonhealth-related disciplines (e.g., urban planning; political science; economics; anthropology; education; engineering; geography; and lab/bench sciences) who are seeking to use policy change to advance population health and health equity.

If you're passionate about your leadership journey, and you'd like to be among the scholars chosen from the many applications we receive each year for the Health Policy Research Scholars program, you'll need to:

¹ For these purposes, a government official is defined as any person who holds one of the following:

- a) An elective public office in the executive or legislative branch of the Government of the United States.
- b) An office in the executive or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, appointment to which was made by the President.
- c) A position in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States—(A) which is listed in schedule C of rule VI of the Civil Service Rules; or (B) the compensation for which is equal to or greater than the lowest rate of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382 of title 5, United States Code.
- d) A position under the House of Representatives or the Senate of the United States held by an individual receiving gross compensation at an annual rate of \$15,000 or more.
- e) An elective or appointive public office in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the government of a State, tribe, possession of the United States, or political subdivision or other area of any of the foregoing, or of the District of Columbia, held by an individual receiving gross compensation at an annual rate of \$20,000 or more, and a significant part of whose activities include "the independent performance of policymaking functions."
- f) A position as personal or executive assistant or secretary to any of the foregoing.
- g) A position as a member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board.

² The Officers and Managers are the Chair of the Board of Trustees; President and CEO; Chief of Staff; Chief Operating Officer; Executive Vice President; General Counsel; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer; and Chief Investment Officer of the Foundation.

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- Meet the eligibility criteria described above;
- Assemble and submit application materials—according to the guidelines provided in the online application system;
- Commit to attending all scheduled activities, including in-person meetings.

How will we choose the leaders from the applications we receive for the next cohort of Health Policy Research Scholars?

We will consider how you:

- Are committed to conducting research that is aligned with the needs of communities, has health equity at its center, and is actionable;
- Are interested in translating your research into evidence-informed health policy;
- Are interested and willing to use interdisciplinary research approaches;
- Are studying in a field in which policy is a key lever for change—from diverse fields of study outside of health (e.g., urban planning; political science; economics; anthropology; education; social work; sociology) to public health. While full-time doctoral students from public health are eligible to apply, we will limit the number of public health doctoral students selected for the program; and
- Want to use research and leadership skills to become a change agent for more equitable and actionable research that will inform policy change.

To ensure the selected scholars have an opportunity for a rich training experience, we seek individuals from a diversity of backgrounds, identities, and lived experiences. In addition, we will carefully consider the composition of the overall cohort selected in terms of geographic location; disciplines (i.e., nonhealth to health-related disciplines, where nonhealth disciplines comprise the majority of the cohort); and educational background. We will also consider the number of individuals from one home institution within a selected cohort.

Summary of HPRS Program Activities

HPRS is intended to complement a scholar’s doctoral training. Scholars will primarily participate in HPRS through online learning seminars and courses, along with some in-person experiences; participate in training and workshops; and contribute to publications and research presentations—concurrently with their doctoral program. These activities are designed to support and enrich the doctoral program.

Examples of HPRS activities are outlined below and subject to change:

Term	Health Policy Research Scholars Program Planned Activities
Fall 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Onboarding webinars (required for both scholars and mentors)• HPRS orientation• HPRS Fall Institute (required for scholars, in person, October 3–6, 2024, in Baltimore, MD)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online course: Introduction to public health; health equity; public policy and the policy process; leadership training
Spring 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online course: Theories of public policy; how policy impacts health; and an introduction to policy analysis; policy implementation, leadership training
Summer 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPRS Summer Institute (required for scholars, in person, June 23–28, 2025, in Baltimore, MD) that includes workshops, skill-building, and interactions with national health policy experts
Fall 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online course: Policy communication, including memo and op-ed writing
Spring 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online course: Tools for translating research into policy and advocacy, implementation, and dissemination research

Summer 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPRS Summer Institute (required for scholars, in person, one week in summer 2026, in Baltimore, MD) Interaction with national policymakers Media and communications training Leadership training
Fall 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online seminar: Leadership training, communication, and dissemination
Spring 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online seminar: Leadership training, communication, and dissemination
Summer 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPRS Summer Institute (required for scholars, in person, one week in summer 2027, in Baltimore, MD) Interaction with national policymakers
Fall 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online seminar: Professional development, contemporary issues in health policy research Optional: Peer-led dissertation writing accountability groups Online seminar: Professional development sessions, policy topic discussions
Spring 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional: Peer-led dissertation writing accountability groups Online seminar: Professional development sessions, policy topic discussion
Summer 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPRS Summer Institute and Graduation Celebration (summer 2028) Transitioning to HPRS alumni

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HPRS participants will also have an opportunity to apply to participate in writing retreats, which occur both virtually and in person annually, as well as other optional programming, such as RWJF leadership institutes. In addition to in-person gatherings such as Fall Institute (year 1 only) and weeklong annual summer institutes, participants should anticipate spending approximately five hours per month during the academic year (September–May) on program-related activities. Scholars will also have numerous opportunities to connect with networks of scholars across cohorts, across other RWJF leadership programs, and with experts nationwide.

Home Institution Mentor

At the time of application, applicants must identify one full-time faculty mentor at their home institution (i.e., the doctoral degree-granting institution). This person would ideally be the applicant's academic advisor; however, this is not required. When the applicant's home institution mentor agrees to provide a reference, they will be asked to confirm serving in this role. The home institution mentor will:

- Provide a reference in support of the applicant;
- Be a champion for the scholar's participation in the HPRS program;
- Partner with the national program center (NPC) to support the scholar's participation in HPRS so that it elevates their scholarship and doctoral training;
- Provide academic support and career guidance at the scholar's home institution;
- Meet regularly with the scholar about their HPRS experience;
- Participate in an onboarding webinar and orientation in September/October 2024, and a required annual check-in with the HPRS NPC;
- Participate in periodic evaluation activities to inform program content, assess satisfaction and outcomes, and better understand the benefits of the HPRS program;
- Engage with the HPRS community through optional sessions (e.g., webinars, seminars); and
- Receive a yearly honorarium of \$1,500 paid directly from the NPC.

HOW DOES THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

You will submit one application through the RWJF online application and review system. Here's how:

- If you haven't already done so, first register at [MyRWJF](#);
- Complete the online application;
- Select a home institution mentor;
- Collect your mentor's curriculum vitae (CV) (a National Institutes of Health biosketch is also acceptable);
- Prepare your CV (maximum of four pages);
- Identify one person to provide a reference for you. Your home institution mentor must provide the second reference. Share this CFA with both of your references and obtain their email addresses for the online application. Because two references are required, we recommend sharing the CFA as early as possible and

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confirming that both references are prepared to submit their reference on time. It may also be helpful to have a back-up reference in mind in case the first option cannot complete the reference on time. You will not be able to submit your application without the two references;

- Obtain your doctoral transcript;
- Then go to www.rwjf.org/cfp/hprs8 and click on “Apply Online.” From there, you’ll be able to follow the instructions and use the templates provided online;
- Be sure to allow yourself plenty of time to register at MyRWJF, familiarize yourself with the online submission requirements, gather your materials, and complete all sections of the application. Because we receive so many applications, staff may not be able to assist all applicants in the final 24 hours before the submission deadline. Accordingly, we recommend building in extra time as you build and complete your application, so you are not rushed at the last minute;
- RWJF will accept only those applications that are completed and submitted at the time of the deadline. Because one of our Guiding Principles is to treat everyone with fairness and respect, RWJF’s deadline policy applies to all applicants without exceptions. If you experience a problem with the online application system that may prevent you from submitting on time, please notify the program administrator immediately by clicking on the “Contact Us” link found in the “Resources” area on the left side of most screens within the online application site. Late applications will not be accepted.

Each application will be reviewed to determine if applicants meet the eligibility requirements to advance in the review process. Multiple independent reviewers will use the application itself, essays, references, transcript, and other submitted materials to evaluate each application.

A group of semifinalists will be selected to participate in web-based interviews that will occur in April and May 2024. These interviews are intended to help the selection committee to get to know applicants beyond what they shared in their written responses. Finalists for the program will be selected once all interviews are completed and notified in mid-June 2024. Finalists will be required to submit additional documentation, including having their home institution complete a form acknowledging its role. Applications that are incomplete by the deadline will not be reviewed. See “Key Dates and Deadlines” for more details.

We encourage interested applicants to participate in an optional applicant webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 1–2 p.m. ET. You must [register](#) in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The webinar will be recorded and made available to those who are not able to participate.

If you have any questions about the application process, please email the HPRS national program center at hprs@jhu.edu. Be sure to include your full name and phone number. We will make every effort to respond to all inquiries within one business day.

WHAT IS A HOME INSTITUTION?

A home institution is the scholar’s degree-granting institution. A home institution must possess the administrative and financial capacity and experience to accept the award and be:

- Based in the United States or its territories;
- Willing to receive the funds from RWJF and not exceed the allowable administrative fees specified by RWJF (see “Award Details”); and

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- Able to distribute funds in a timely manner that is consistent with RWJF policies (described in “How Can You Use Health Policy Research Scholars Grant Funds?”).

The home institution will be responsible for signing a letter of agreement with RWJF and submitting brief annual financial reports to the Foundation.

AWARD DETAILS

Grant funds from RWJF will include:

- Award funds: \$30,000 per year for up to four years or until recipient completes their doctoral program (*whichever is sooner*).
- Administrative fee: Home institutions receive an administrative fee of \$1,000 per year (\$4,000 in total) to the grant amount to cover the administrative costs of managing the award.
- Payment of grant funds: Grant funds are paid to the home institution, which distributes the funds to the individual scholar.
- Scholars will also be eligible for competitive dissertation grants of up to \$10,000, as well as competitive conference and research dissemination grants, awarded by the national program center at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Scholars will have a choice of receiving these funds directly or have their institution provide them (indirect costs are not permitted for dissertation awards).
- Funds received from RWJF or HPRS, whether received directly or through the institution, are considered income for IRS purposes and may be taxable.
- Travel to all HPRS events will be paid by the national program center, upfront when possible (typically for air/train travel, lodging, and group meals) or via reimbursement (typically for ground transportation and individual meals).
- Scholars will receive payments if they are in good standing according to their home institution's criteria, maintain full-time student status, have a 3.0 grade point average or above (if the doctoral program uses grade point averages), and have satisfactory participation in home institution-related activities. Scholars must also continue to be in good standing with the program, which includes: 1) participating in all online course sessions and/or make-up assignments; 2) completing all required coursework; 3) completing all evaluations/surveys from the NPC and program evaluators; and 4) attending all in-person program events, unless the scholar has an excused absence that has been approved by the national program center director. Scholars not in good program or academic standing may, at the discretion of the director and/or the Foundation, be restricted in their ability to participate in events or otherwise access HPRS resources.

If the scholar changes home institutions during the grant period, the grant funding will follow the scholar to the new home institution, provided the scholar continues to meet the eligibility requirements and the new home institution meets the requirements above. In such a case, additional documentation will be required.

The grant opportunity outlined in this call for applications is contingent upon final funding confirmation from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for such grants.

HOW CAN YOU USE HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS GRANT FUNDS?

Participants in HPRS are entitled to receive the full amount of the HPRS award to support their time in the program: \$30,000 per year, per scholar. Grant funding should not replace existing funding, such as teaching assistantships, research assistantships, grants, or other education-related support, such as departmental stipends. Institutions cannot use HPRS funds to pay the scholar as part of an existing funding package. **However, we strongly**

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encourage applicants to discuss the impact that receiving this award may have on other assistance (e.g., financial awards and other funding packages) with their home institutions prior to submitting an application.

If you are selected for the HPRS program, you will create and propose a budget consistent with these award policies and work with your institution to determine how the grant funds will be set up and disbursed to you to support your successful completion of the program. Scholars may choose to use the award funds to pay for expenses such as living or child-care expenses; research expenses or statistical software; registration fees for relevant conferences, workshops, or professional associations; conference, professional development, or research related travel; equipment such as laptops, tablets, audio recorders or other devices needed for research or other program requirements; and supplies including books and other education-related materials.

Home institutions will receive an administrative fee of \$1,000 per year (\$4,000 in total) in the grant amount to cover the administrative costs of managing the award. The Foundation will not support any other indirect/overhead charges as part of the award budget. No administrative costs or fees may be taken from the scholar funding portion of the award.

RWJF policy does not allow the use of grant funds to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices, to construct or renovate facilities, for lobbying, or for political activities.

OPEN ACCESS

In order to ensure RWJF-supported research is made accessible to a wide and diverse audience, grantees who publish findings related to research supported by the HPRS program in peer-reviewed publications must do so in open access journals. While there is no expectation for participants to publish findings under this leadership program, should they do so, funds to cover the cost of making the resulting publications open access (typically \$2,000–\$5,000 per manuscript) will be made available to the participants by the national program center, independent of this award. Grantees can also consider self-archiving (depositing a free copy of an electronic document online in order to provide open access to it) in the author's own institutional repository or open archive to fulfill this requirement. Visit [SHERPA/RoMEO](#) for more information on self-archiving.

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

- **January 25, 2024 (1–2 p.m. ET)**
Optional applicant webinar. [Register here.](#)
- **March 7, 2024 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of full applications, including references.
- **April and May 2024**
Semifinalist interviews via web conference.
- **Mid-June 2024**
Notification of finalists selected for program.
- **July 10, 2024**
Deadline for receipt of finalist supplemental applications.
- **September 1, 2024**
Program begins. Award funding initiated for program participants.
- **September 4, 2024**
Participant announcement.

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- **September 2024**
Required onboarding meetings for scholars and mentors.
- **September 30, 2024 (3–4 p.m. ET)**
Orientation webinar for scholars and mentors.
- **October 3–6, 2024**
HPRS Fall Institute, Baltimore, MD (in-person attendance required for program participants).
- **October 2024**
Year one course begins.
- **Summer 2025**
HPRS Summer Institute, Baltimore, MD (in-person attendance required for program participants).

Applicant Deadline Policy

All proposals for this solicitation must be submitted via the RWJF online system. Visit www.rwjf.org/cfp/hprs8 and use the “Apply Online” link. If you have not already done so, you will be required to register at MyRWJF before you begin the proposal process.

All applicants should log in to the system and familiarize themselves with online proposal requirements well before the final submission deadline. Please note that, in the 24-hour period leading up to the proposal deadline, staff may not be able to assist all applicants with any system-related issues. Therefore, we encourage you to submit your proposal well before the deadline so that any unforeseen difficulties or technical problems may be addressed in advance.

Late submissions will not be accepted for any reason. While late submissions will not be accepted, RWJF may choose, at its sole discretion, to extend the proposal deadline for all applicants. Such extensions generally will be granted only in the event of (1) a verified issue with the RWJF proposal system that prevented completion and submission of proposals; or (2) a disaster, emergency, or significant internet outage that affects one or more regions. For purposes of this policy, a region is generally considered to be one or more states. RWJF strives to give all applicants any support needed to successfully submit their proposal prior to the deadline. Submission is defined as all sections completed, marked finished, the proposal “submit” button used, and the proposal status shows “Submitted.” If the deadline is extended for any reason, the extension will be posted on the funding opportunity page at rwjf.org. In addition, an email will be sent to all individuals that have started a proposal in the RWJF online system.

OUR EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITMENT

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is committed to building a Culture of Health that provides everyone in America a fair and just opportunity for health and wellbeing. Achieving this goal requires focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion. To that end, we are committed to fostering diverse perspectives. We recognize that individuals’ perspectives are shaped by a host of factors, such as their race, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, age, socioeconomic status, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, familial status, education, religion, legal status, military service, political affiliation, geography, and other personal and professional experiences.

We know that the presence of diverse perspectives alone is not sufficient. Therefore, we also are committed to creating inclusive environments where all individuals are encouraged to share their perspectives and experiences. We believe that only through valuing our differences and similarities, and remaining vigilant in advancing equity, will

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we be able to maintain an equitable workplace and actively pursue equity in all aspects of our work. We commit to being continuous learners and working alongside others to cultivate equity, diversity, and inclusion.

EVALUATION

The purpose of evaluation at RWJF is learning and improvement. An independent research group selected by the national program center and RWJF—with funding from RWJF—is conducting an evaluation of the program. RWJF intends for this project to contribute to national efforts to develop leaders who will build a Culture of Health. Therefore, the program will publicly release results from this evaluation. The evaluation team will study the progress the national program center is making in achieving its goals, as well as the impact of components that are unique to the national program center. As a condition of accepting RWJF funds, program participants must participate in the evaluation. Participation in this program includes assisting with necessary data collection to accomplish the evaluation objectives. These data collection efforts may include national program center and participant surveys, data sharing, and other activities.

PROGRAM DIRECTION

The Health Policy Research Scholars national program center is led by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The national program center leads the program activities and participant experience, as well as providing direction and technical assistance for the application process and for this program.

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ABOUT THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is committed to improving health and health equity in the United States. In partnership with others, we are working to develop a Culture of Health rooted in equity that provides every individual with a fair and just opportunity to thrive, no matter who they are, where they live, or how much money they have. For more information, visit [rwjf.org](https://www.rwjf.org). Sign up to receive email alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at www.rwjf.org/email-subscriptions.html.

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