

2025 Call for Proposals

Rapid Response Research—Brief Proposal Deadline: May 28, 2025 (3 p.m. ET)
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RESEARCH TO ADVANCE RACIAL AND INDIGENOUS HEALTH EQUITY

BACKGROUND

To help applicants understand this call for proposals, we encourage referring to the frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)).

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is committed to improving health equity in the United States. In partnership with others, RWJF is taking bold leaps to [transform health](#) and help pave the way toward a future where health is no longer a privilege, but a right. To fulfill this vision, RWJF has deepened its focus on partnering with affected communities to promote health equity and combat the most fundamental barrier to health in America: structural racism¹. One of the ways the Foundation does this is through Evidence for Action (E4A), a national grantmaking program that funds action-oriented health equity research that prioritizes community knowledge and facilitates the relationships and governance structures (i.e., processes and decisionmaking) that build community power, ownership of research, and systems change.

E4A recognizes that progress toward racial and Indigenous health equity² requires addressing the foundational and structural drivers that shape the conditions in which people are born and in which they grow, live, work, play, and age. To effectively address these issues, we focus on advancing *upstream* solutions that target the root causes of health inequities across various domains or systems like housing, education, food access and affordability, employment, and healthcare, all of which drive economic and other forms of opportunity. Upstream solutions address structural factors, such as laws, policies, norms, practices, and power dynamics that determine resource distribution and support health equity. Upstream solutions do not solely mitigate individual-level risks or modify individual knowledge or behaviors.

We seek to build an actionable body of evidence to construct fair systems and advance racial and Indigenous health equity. Core to this approach is the recognition that communities most impacted by systemic inequities hold valuable cultural assets, knowledge, power, and

¹For the purposes of this funding opportunity, racism is defined as a system of structuring (i.e., constructing, configuring, coordinating, orchestrating, designing, determining) opportunity, adversity, privilege, and disadvantage based on race. The *structural* nature of racism is historically-rooted and refers to the *intentional* ways in which racism is baked into every aspect of society including its laws, policies, practices, and social norms, making it an essential or core element of how society functions. Racism is pervasive throughout society, intersecting with other forms of oppression (colonialism³, sexism, genderism, ableism, classism) to create unique intersections of opportunity, adversity, privilege, and disadvantage³.

²Racial and Indigenous health equity refers to the conditions in which race, ethnicity, or Indigeneity no longer predict a person's ability to live a healthy life. For the purposes of this solicitation, racial and Indigenous health equity are distinct but overlapping objectives.

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leadership necessary for creating meaningful change. Research that is centered in and directly partnered with affected communities is crucial for developing and testing solutions that address root causes and support innovative approaches, as it situates the research question(s) and research process within the lived experiences and expertise of these groups. Furthermore, valuing the knowledge and priorities of these communities in the research process is a vital step toward shifting power imbalances within the system of knowledge production, policy advocacy, and issue prioritization.

[RWJF has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing health equity](#) in the face of the current political environment. Health equity research is essential to our economy^c, strengthens our communities, and enhances the lives of every American. It identifies what works, for whom, and under what conditions to guide policies, implementation, and funding decisions that create meaningful impact to improve health and wellbeing. A healthier nation, where all Americans can thrive and grow, benefits everyone; it should serve as a unifying goal, transcending ideological divides^d. Health equity research is a transformational catalyst for the public good. It has led to solutions like community-based doula programs to improve maternal mortality rates for Black and Indigenous women^e. It has shown how school-based health centers enhance student attendance, especially for students with mental health needs^f. Health equity research has guided frameworks for equitable vaccine distribution to increase uptake, particularly among historically marginalized populations^g. It has identified strengths, assets, and resiliency factors that contribute to thriving communities^h. To sustain and build on this progress, we must continue to invest in health equity research.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this call for proposals (CFP) is to meet the current moment through two approaches: (1) support timely, actionable health equity research that has been interrupted by shifts in federal funding; and (2) support community-driven research that uplifts the knowledge, expertise, and power of historically marginalized racial and Indigenous communities to develop or test solutions that advance racial and Indigenous health equity. We will award up to \$5 million for: (1) Rapid Response Research—grants to help at least partially offset federal funding losses to existing research; and (2) New Research Support—funding for action-oriented research to address ongoing threats to racial and Indigenous health equity. Applicants may apply for one or both types of funding simultaneously; however, to "spread the love" across as many recipients as possible, we encourage you to be discerning in the amount of funding you request.

Rapid Response Research funding is exclusively available to applicants who have *already received* federal funding (e.g., from the NIH, CDC, NSF) for their health equity research, but have since had their funding partially or fully rescinded due to federal administrative actions. Those who have submitted an application for federal funding that will no longer be reviewed due to executive orders, are *not* eligible to apply for Rapid Response Research grants, but may apply for New Research Support grants, provided the other eligibility and selection criteria are met. We also welcome new research ideas.

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Note: Eligibility requirements, selection criteria, funding details, and the application process vary significantly by funding type.

- For detailed information about Rapid Response Research funding, [please see pages 3–5](#).
- For detailed information about New Research Support funding, [please see pages 6-10](#).

Rapid Response Research Funding

The health equity research enterprise and funding landscape are being significantly challenged. Rapid Response Research grants are specifically designed to support and advance applicants who are experiencing unexpected funding gaps. While we will *not* re-scrutinize the scientific merits of projects that have lost federal funding, our intent is to support research consistent with Evidence for Action’s mission to advance action-oriented racial and Indigenous health equity research that focuses on solutions that are innovative, push beyond the status quo, and target root causes.

RAPID RESPONSE RESEARCH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants whose health equity research projects* have lost federal funding are eligible to apply. Documentation demonstrating impact is required (e.g., a termination letter).
- We welcome applications from organizations with Project Directors of all personal and professional backgrounds. We especially encourage applications that include:
 - Project Directors having backgrounds and life experiences that are underrepresented on research teams, including Indigenous³, Black, Latino, and other persons of color⁴;
- We will prioritize applications that include Project Director(s) who are:
 - early to midcareer antiracist or anticolonial researchers (who are within 10 years of completion of the highest earned degree or up to two years post-tenure);
 - neither a Project Director on a current RWJF grant nor receiving greater than 25% of their salary from a current RWJF grant.
- All organizations based in the United States or its occupied territories are eligible to apply. Submissions from teams that include both U.S. and international members are eligible, but the lead applicant organization must be based in the United States or its occupied territories and the research must focus on improving health equity in the U.S.

* E4A primarily funds social science-oriented and applied research; i.e., biomedical, clinical, and bench science, are *not eligible*.

³For the purposes of this funding opportunity, Indigenous Peoples means Tribal Nations based in the U.S. (regardless of federal or state recognition), American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders of U.S. territories. We recognize the sovereign rights of Indigenous Peoples as political entities and as defined by the United Nations’ 2007 Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. While Indigenous communities are sociopolitical groups rather than purely racial groups, they have also been racialized and experience racism and the intersection of racism and settler colonialism, which are deeply embedded within and operate through various U.S. policies, practices, structures, and systems’.

⁴For the purposes of this funding opportunity, researcher of color means researchers from racial and ethnic backgrounds that are underrepresented in receipt of federal research funding’.

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RAPID RESPONSE RESEARCH SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee composed of RWJF staff, leaders of E4A's national program office (NPO), and other [expert reviewers](#). Final grant decisions will be made by leadership within the Foundation's Research-Evaluation-Learning department.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Commitment to racial and Indigenous equity**—applicants must exhibit a track record of conducting health equity research, evidenced by prior funding, advocacy, publication, and other efforts that are indicative of research work focused on racial and Indigenous equity;
- **Alignment with E4A program values**—applicants should be involved in community-centered, action-oriented research focused on structural solutions to advance racial and Indigenous health equity;
- **Sustainability of impact and vision**—applicants should be able to describe a vision for their body of work and how the funds will contribute to preserving and building toward this vision;
- **Timeliness**—applicants should be able to receive and allocate funding for the stated purpose(s) in a timely manner (i.e., ability to spend grant funds should not be contingent on other institutional factors aside from normal administrative processes); and must be able to carry out the project as originally intended, to the greatest extent possible (e.g., necessary data is still available and accessible).

RAPID RESPONSE RESEARCH AWARD DETAILS

- **Type of Award:** Awards will be structured as grants and will be made to organizations, not to individuals.
- **Amount of Award:** Awards may range from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Please request only what is necessary to allow us to fund as many recipients as possible. We expect larger awards to correspond with more distributed funding (e.g., multiple people's salaries or multiple activities).
- **Award Duration:** Awards may be for up to two years (24 months) in duration.
- **Use of Funds:** Grant funds should cover aspects of research previously funded through a federal grant, including salary support for research staff, students, and trainees; funds for community partners, participant incentives, consultant fees, data collection, analysis, interpretation, travel, dissemination, meetings, supplies; support for intellectual contributions (e.g., review sessions, advisory board service, community prioritization and input processes); or for research capacity-building, among a variety of other costs related to the research. Grant funds will also cover [indirect costs](#) to support the applicant organization's general operations. In keeping with RWJF policy, funds may *not* be used to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices, to construct or renovate building facilities, or for lobbying or political activities.

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- **Payment of Awards:** Payment of the award generally will be based upon spending against approved budgets or milestones, rather than through invoices.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A RAPID RESPONSE RESEARCH GRANT

Proposals must be submitted via the RWJF online system. Visit www.rwjf.org/cfp/E4A4 and use the *Apply Online* link. If you have not already done so, you will be required to register at my.rwjf.org before you begin the proposal process. All applicants should log in to the system and familiarize themselves with online application requirements.

There is one application phase in the Rapid Response Research process:

Brief Proposal—Applicants will submit responses to a series of questions through RWJF’s online Application and Review system, including details on how recent federal orders have impacted your research, the gap this funding will address, and how it will build toward advancing racial and Indigenous health equity. Other supplemental information describing the lead organization, original research aim(s) and budget, and resumes or biosketches for key personnel will also be collected.

We anticipate awards will take approximately four months from submission to be funded. We are committed to making the process as expedient as possible.

Please direct inquiries to:

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RAPID RESPONSE RESEARCH KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

- **May 2, 2025 (2–3:30 p.m. ET)**
Optional applicant webinar. Registration is required through this [link](#).
- **Office Hours**
E4A will host weekly office hours. Access dates and times through this [link](#).
- **May 28, 2025 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of brief proposals.
- **Week of July 14, 2025**
Applicants are notified of review committee decisions
- **September 1, 2025**
Grant start date.

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New Research Support Funding

New Research grants aim to support research that centers community needs, experiences, assets, and expertise and deeply and critically interrogates upstream solutions to root causes of racial and Indigenous health inequities. We welcome applications that employ an intersectional lens to explore and combat the multifaceted ways in which multiple systems of oppression collude, ultimately fostering more holistic and effective strategies for promoting the social, political, and economic conditions that support health and health equity. We are particularly interested in strategies that promote healthy and equitable communities (both the people and the places in which people live), support economic inclusion for family wellbeing, and facilitate equitable, accessible, and affordable public health and healthcare systems (learn more about RWJF's focus areas [here](#)).

Project teams are encouraged to submit solutions-oriented, strengths-based (or asset-based) proposals that are rooted in the values and beliefs of communities of color and/or, Indigenous Peoples.

Given the focus on addressing structural and systemic root causes of health inequities, studies that develop or test solutions that encourage individuals to modify their personal behavior in the absence of greater environmental, structural, and/or systems level changes are *not* a fit and will not be considered. Research that aims to solely describe problems or document inequities is also not a fit.

NEW RESEARCH SUPPORT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Only one organization may serve as the lead applicant. The lead applicant organization must be a community-based organization (CBO) with a strong track record of racial and/or Indigenous health equity work. CBOs eligible to serve as applicant organizations include Section 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, certain for-profit organizations, local and state government agencies, and tribal organizations.
- If necessary, the applicant organization may utilize the services of a fiscal sponsor to support the project's financial management and grants management and reporting activities.
- Research institutions such as universities and contract research organizations are not eligible to serve as lead organizations for this CFP, but may partner with eligible applicant organizations as contractors, consultants, or fiscal sponsors.
- Applicant organizations must be based in the United States and/or its occupied territories. Submissions from teams that include both U.S. and international members are eligible, but the lead applicant organization must be based, and the research must focus on improving health equity in the United States or its occupied territories.

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We seek to fund research that will inform and drive transformative change. We expect E4A grantees to have a deep and demonstrable history with and commitment to racial and/or Indigenous health justice, conducting research in service of and by or in partnership with Indigenous Peoples and/or other historically marginalized communities of color, applying equitable research practices, and ensuring their findings are actionable in the real world. Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance and significance to advancing racial and/or Indigenous health equity—** The problem is situated within a root causes framework that clearly demonstrates how the solution being studied contributes to racial and/or Indigenous health equity; considers potential solutions from a systemic or structural perspective; and can inform clear policy and/or implementation priorities at the institutional, systemic, and/or structural level.
- **Actionability—** Be action-oriented and either be led by or in meaningful partnership with impacted communities. Results will inform a specific course of action for change and/or establish beneficial practices; and demonstrate potential for practical and timely application of the research findings in the real world. Research should not serve to solely describe a problem or inequity; it should be solutions-oriented and ensure tangible benefits by informing strategies to advance racial and/or Indigenous health equity. It should be committed to affecting real-world change and sharing findings beyond an academic research audience, with a focus on reaching impacted communities and decisionmakers.
- **Methodological appropriateness—** Include a clear research question(s) and employ methods appropriate for answering the question(s). The research and outcomes must be guided by appropriate concepts, frameworks, and worldviews. Appropriate methods could include Indigenous approaches, methods, and frameworks, and/or Western research methods, and frameworks. This includes quantitative, qualitative, and/or some combination thereof, including participatory approaches. Methods must be nonextractive and/or decolonial and valid/credible in the scientific literature or through established practice. Credible measures and data collection instruments need to be employed. The proposed study design and methodological approach should align with impacted communities' values and priorities and Indigenous data sovereignty principles.
- **Equitable research practices—** Apply principles of equity, power-sharing⁵, and distributed leadership throughout the entire research process, including when defining the problem; developing the research question(s); identifying appropriate concepts, frameworks, and worldviews to guide the study; designing the study; selecting methods, measures, and

⁵ Power-sharing involves ensuring there is shared leadership among project partners at every stage of the research process. This includes defining the research questions, determining the type of evidence needed for culturally and contextually relevant results, and making decisions about data collection and dissemination. It also involves equitable allocation of grant funds.

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outcomes; conducting data collection (with bias checks), troubleshooting, interpreting results; disseminating findings and executing action items; and developing the budget. Demonstrate respect for data sovereignty and self-governance in impacted communities; this includes recognizing the rights of communities to govern and control data related to their people, lands, cultures, environments, and knowledge systems throughout the entire data lifecycle—from collection and storage to application and utilization. Deliver enduring benefits to the community to advance solutions for racial and Indigenous health equity.

- **Clear and compelling connection to health**—Present an evident connection between the solution and health equity, conceptualized and guided by relevant worldviews and culturally specific understandings of health and wellbeing. For research measuring the impact of a solution, health outcomes must be included as either primary or secondary measures and may include diverse dimensions of physical, mental, and socio-emotional health and wellbeing, cultural connectedness, or intermediary outcomes that are well-established predictors of health, assessed using measures that are valid/credible and appropriate for the research question(s) and the impacted community.
- **Feasibility**—Conditions (e.g., timing, relationships, windows of opportunity) are favorable for translating findings to inform or drive plausible systems-level action; there is timely access to existing, appropriate data and/or study participants, as well as reasonable budgets and timelines that account for sufficient and equitable compensation of relevant partners. Pre-existing relationships with end users/decisionmakers and public/political will offer opportunities for disseminating findings to relevant audiences to influence change. The project is a priority for Indigenous Peoples and/or other historically marginalized communities of color who stand to benefit from the research and there is evidence (experiential or empirical) that supports acceptability and feasibility.
- **Project team expertise**—Projects are grounded in community knowledge and center or lead with the lived experiences of people most affected by the problem and potential solution. Project teams exemplify the broad range of expertise and skills needed to successfully carry out the research project and actionability goals, including community members, practitioners, researchers, advocates, policymakers, and others with issue-specific knowledge and lived experiences. Teams demonstrate a durable and productive track record of collaboration, with all members equitably and meaningfully involved, recognized, and valued for their distinct contributions.

Letters of intent (LOIs) will be evaluated based on the applicant's ability to clearly articulate the ways in which their project meets each of these selection criteria and overall potential for action-oriented, upstream solutions to advance health equity.

Full proposals will be evaluated based on more detailed explanations of these elements, such as further context and justification for the research question(s); elaboration on underlying theories and evidence, conceptual models, and rationale guiding the research design; description of and justification for participant engagement, data collection, and analyses; demonstrated access to needed data, study participants, and settings; qualifications, experience, and track record of the proposed team; plans for engaging and disseminating to community members, policymakers, and other relevant partners; and potential to make a

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meaningful contribution to advancing racial and Indigenous health equity. Guidelines and information, including a list of frequently asked questions and other supplemental resources that provide additional detail about the CFP and grantmaking process are available on the [E4A website](#).

NEW RESEARCH SUPPORT FUNDING DETAILS

- **Type of Award:** Awards will be structured as grants. Grants are typically made to one lead organization that may subcontract to partner organizations. We will consider awarding separate grants to up to two organizations collaborating on the same project, if needed.
- **Number of Awards:** We expect to award approximately eight grants in the following amounts.
- **Amount of Award:** We expect to award approximately four grants at \$250,000 each and approximately four grants at \$500,000 each. We expect larger awards to correspond with more distributed funding (e.g., multiple people's salaries or multiple activities). You should request the amount of funding you will need to complete *and disseminate* findings from your proposed research project—including direct and indirect costs for the entire duration of your grant. The size of the budget will be weighed in relation to the importance and likely contribution of the proposed work toward advancing upstream solutions to improving racial and Indigenous health equity.
- **Award Duration:** Awards may be up to three years (36 months) in duration.
- **Use of Funds:** Grant funds should cover all *research-related* aspects of a project, including staff time, support for participant involvement, consultant fees, data collection, analysis, and interpretation; travel; dissemination; meetings; supplies; support for intellectual contributions (e.g., review sessions, advisory board service, community prioritization and input processes); and research capacity-building, among a variety of other costs related to the research project itself. Grant funds will also cover [indirect costs](#) to support the applicant organization's general operations. In keeping with RWJF policy, funds may *not* be used to support clinical trials of unapproved drugs or devices, to construct or renovate building facilities, or for lobbying or political activities. Additional [budget guidelines](#) are provided in the online application materials. As a research funding program, E4A does **not** fund the costs of nonresearch activities, including program implementation or operations.
- **Payment of Awards:** Payment of the award generally will be based upon spending against approved budgets or milestones, rather than through invoices.

HOW TO APPLY FOR NEW RESEARCH SUPPORT FUNDING

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There are two phases in the New Research Support proposal process:

Phase 1: Letter of Intent (LOI)—Applicants first must submit a two-page LOI and supplemental information describing the lead organization, project team, basic project information, and an overview of the proposed research per selection criteria through RWJF’s online Application and Review system.

Phase 2: Full Proposals—Applicants whose LOI meets the outlined selection criteria will be invited to submit a full proposal narrative of up to 10 pages, along with a detailed budget, timeline, actionability and dissemination plan, and other supplemental information. Only applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be considered for funding.

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Optional applicant webinar. Registration is required through this [link](#).
- **Office Hours**
E4A will host weekly office hours. Access dates and times through this [link](#).
- **July 16, 2025 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of letters of intent.
- **Week of August 25, 2025**
Applicants are notified whether they are invited to submit full proposals
- **December 17, 2025 (3 p.m. ET)**
Deadline for receipt of full proposals (*by invitation only*).
- **Week of February 16, 2026**
Applicants are notified of review committee decisions.
- **April 15, 2026**
Grant start date.

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Applicant Deadline Policy

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 application deadline for all applicants. Such extensions generally will be granted only in the event of (1) a verified issue with the RWJF application system that prevented completion and submission of applications; 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 application prior to the deadline. Submission is defined as all sections completed, marked “Finished,” the application “Submit” button used, and the application 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 an application in the RWJF online system.

OPEN ACCESS

In order to ensure RWJF-supported research is made accessible to a wide and diverse audience, grantees who publish findings in peer-reviewed publications must do so in open access journals and/or must include funds in their budgets to cover the cost of making the resulting publications open access (typically \$2,000–\$5,000 per manuscript). See our [Open Access policy](#) for more information.

PROGRAM DIRECTION

The Evidence for Action national program office (NPO) is housed at the Center for Health and Community at the University of California, San Francisco, and provides direction and overall assistance for the program.

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MONITORING

RWJF monitors the grantees' efforts and careful stewardship of grant funds to assure accountability. Grantees will be required to submit periodic financial reports.

OUR EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITMENT

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is working to take bold leaps to transform health in our lifetime and pave the way, together, to a future where health is no longer a privilege, but a right. Achieving this goal requires a 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 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.

ABOUT THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

RWJF is a leading national philanthropy dedicated to taking bold leaps to transform health in our lifetime. To get there, we must work to dismantle structural racism and other barriers to health. Through funding, convening, advocacy, and evidence-building, we work side-by-side with communities, practitioners, and institutions to achieve health equity faster and pave the way, together, to a future where health is no longer a privilege, but a right. For more information, visit www.rwjf.org.

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