Call for Proposals:  

2014-2015  

UW-Madison Campus-wide Faculty Course Development Grants on  “Expanding Interdisciplinary Course Content on Population Health” 

Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program  

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program at UW-Madison is sponsoring a campus-wide competition for course development grants in order to expand content on population health throughout the campus curriculum. Eligible applicants are any UW-Madison faculty member or instructional academic staff. Our aim is to encourage new courses or course components that include aspects of population health or health & society, broadly defined, such as addressing the multiple determinants of health (e.g., biological, medical, behavioral, social, economic and environmental) and their important interactions over the life course; examining the measurement, distribution, or experiences of health; or evaluating interventions (at individual, community, or policy levels) for their impact on population health outcomes. For a good example of population health discourse, see: Kindig, Milbank Quarterly 85(1) 139-161, 2007, or visit the RWJF Health & Society Scholars Program web site at: rwjscholars.pophealth.wisc.edu/ 

The grant is to be used for summer support for the course or course component development. The funds are flexible and can be used for faculty or student salary, supplies, etc. (adhering to all UW-Madison guidelines). The proposal should clearly state whether it is a new or existing course, the reason for developing a new course or course component, and the general approach the faculty member intends to take in course development. Proposals will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposal and the project’s contribution to expanding teaching on health and society or population health across campus. Funds must be spent by July 31, 2015; a draft of the course outline would be due by August 31, 2015 and a final report (including an assessment of the initial course offering) due to the RWJF Health & Society Scholars Program by July 1, 2016. In addition, awardees will be expected to make a brief oral presentation at a campus-wide symposium during the 2015-2016 academic year. 

Award: $5,000  (We anticipate multiple awards.)  
Due: December 1, 2014 at 5 p.m.  (Notification: Friday, December 12)  

Application Process: Please send via email a proposal (max 3 pages), budget rationale, and a CV to Jane Lambert at jflamber@wisc.edu. For modifications of existing courses, please also submit the most up to date version of the existing course’s syllabus. If you have questions about proposal content or eligibility, contact Jane at the address above. For a list of past awardees, go to: rwjscholars.pophealth.wisc.edu/ 

Please feel free to distribute to any colleagues who might be interested.