

**2011-2012**

# **UW-Madison Population Health Dissertation Grants**

## **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 Population Health Dissertation Grants for the academic year 2011-2012. Eligible students must be enrolled in any UW-Madison Ph.D. program and be working on a topic in the study of health and society. One of our primary goals is to expand population health research *across campus*. Our aim is to encourage dissertations that include components of population health 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/](http://rwjscholars.pophealth.wisc.edu/)

The grant to the student is to be used toward dissertation research, such as for a pilot study, data collection expenses, or other research activities related to the student's work in health and society. The proposal should clearly state a plan of action, how this award will improve current or planned research, and an explanation of how the money will be used. Proposals will be evaluated based on the quality of the proposal, the relevance of the work to expanding knowledge on health and society, and the project's contribution to expanding research on health and society or population health across campus. Funding will start (if IRB has approved) on December 1, 2011, and must be spent by July 31, 2012. A final report is due to the RWJF Health & Society Scholars Program by August 31, 2012. In addition, a brief oral presentation will be required at a campus-wide symposium during the 2012-2013 academic year.

**Award:**     **\$5,000 to the student, plus \$1,000 to a faculty advisor \***  
(We anticipate multiple awards.)

**Due:**        **November 14, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.** (Notification: November 21, 2011)

\* The funds to the faculty advisor go into a research account. These funds need not be spent on the doctoral student project. They are provided as incentive to participate in the dissertation research of students doing work on health and society.

**Application instructions** available by 10/12/2011 at: [rwjscholars.pophealth.wisc.edu/](http://rwjscholars.pophealth.wisc.edu/)

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