



2011-2012 UW-Madison Population Health Dissertation Grants: Application Instructions

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.

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/

Eligibility

- 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.
- Although the student does not need to be in dissertator status in order to apply, the proposal must be sufficiently descriptive of the dissertation project, which will generally imply that at least some preliminary or formative work is being undertaken.
- International students are eligible.

Use of Funds

- Of the \$6,000 in direct costs in this award, \$5,000 is allotted to the student for the research project, and \$1,000 is allotted to the advisor for general research (these funds need not be spent on the doctoral student project).
- The total funds will be deposited into a new account (a 133 subproject) to be established in the advisor's home department so that the student and advisor can work with the financial staff of the home department to spend the funds.
- Students may receive the funds in a variety of ways, as long as the budget justification shows how the award is supporting the dissertation research, and subject to approval by the advisor's department and college. Funds may be used for pilot study, datasets, data collection expenses, software, books, materials and supplies, research-related travel, or equipment. (If your project involves human subject incentives, consult your unit administrator and faculty advisor to determine the process.)
- Awards may not be used for international research, travel to present results (internationally or domestically), stipend, or tuition.
- Funding for successful applicants will start on December 1, 2011, and must be spent by July 31, 2012.

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Proposals Requiring Institutional Review and Approval

- Applicants who wish to conduct research requiring institutional approval must submit their proposals for review by one of the UW-Madison's institutional review committees (e.g., Human Subjects Institutional Review Boards, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees).
- Review and approval by one of these committees must occur before the grant can begin.
- The approval committee name and the protocol number must be sent to us.

Application Procedures

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.

The application should include the following:

- A. Research Proposal:** Maximum five pages, double spaced, in Arial 11 pt font or equivalent.

Proposal Sections:

- Title
- Abstract (250 words max)
- Project Description
- Budget
- Budget Justification
- Timeline

- B. Bibliography** (literature relevant to the applicant's proposed research)

- C. Student's CV**

- D. Advisor's Letter of Support**

Application Sections A, B, and C (Research Proposal, Bibliography, and CV) should be combined as a single PDF.

Application Section D (Advisor's Letter of Support) may be submitted directly from the advisor, or may be sent from the advisor to the student to be submitted as part of the application PDF.

All sections of the application must be submitted electronically by 5:00 pm on November 14, 2011 to Jane Lambert at jflamber@wisc.edu.

Please direct all questions to Jane Lambert at jflamber@wisc.edu.