



2012-2013 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 2012-2013.

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.

Award Amount and Funding Mechanism

- 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 “Unallowable Use of Funds” list, below, applies to the advisor as well as to the student; otherwise, the advisor may spend \$1,000 on any research-related purpose as long as UW rules and regulations are followed.
- 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.
- Funding for successful applicants will start on September 1, 2012, and must be spent by July 31, 2013.
Note: Funding cannot be extended beyond July 31, 2013 (no-cost extensions are not allowed).

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 funds can be disbursed.
- The approval committee name and the protocol number must be sent to us.

Allowable Use of 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 domestic travel (unless the travel is solely to present results), or equipment (e.g., computers). Also, funds may be used for a support payment to the student (account code 5709 must be used).
- Equipment (e.g., computers) purchased directly from the grantee's 133 subproject remains the property of UW-Madison after the student graduates. Ownership of equipment purchased from a support payment (account 5709) will depend on its use.
- For projects involving human subject incentives, awardees must contact their department administrator and faculty advisor to determine the process.

Unallowable Use of Funds

- international research
- international travel
- domestic conference travel solely for the purpose of presenting results
- stipend
- tuition

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. If funds will be used for travel, the dates and purpose of travel must be given. 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.

** Note: The Advisor's Letter of Support must be received by the deadline date and time (see below).*

All sections of the application must be submitted electronically by 5:00 pm on May 1, 2012 to Jane Lambert at jflamber@wisc.edu.

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