Grant Title: AHRQ INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Grant Number: PA-06-409

Release and expiration date: May 12, 2006 release; December 6, 2008 expiration

Application Dates: April 5, August 5, December 5 annually

Amount: Annual stipend: Up to $51,000 dependent upon years of experience; allowance for tuition and fees: $3,000 and 60% of costs over $3,000; annual institutional allowance: Up to $7,000.

Length of Support: Up to 3 years.

Eligible applicants: Public or non-profit private institution, such as a university, college, or a faith-based or community-based organization; Unit of local or State government; Units of local Tribal government or State Tribal government; Eligible agency of the Federal government.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Summary: The expectation of this funding opportunity is that scientific findings stemming from the research will improve the evidence base to enable better decisions about health care, including those related to disease prevention, emergency preparedness, appropriate use of medical technologies, improving diagnosis and treatment in cost-effective ways, long-term care, and reducing racial and ethnic disparities. Applicants must address at least one of the following three broad-based goals: (1) Enhancing quality and safety by reducing the risk of harm from health care services through promoting the delivery of appropriate care that achieves the best quality outcomes; (2) Achieving efficiency through wider access to effective health care services and reductions in health care costs; (3) Assuring effectiveness through the beneficial and timely use of health care information by providers and consumers/patients, which allows them opportunities to make informed decisions and choices. Further, they are strongly encouraged to demonstrate how expected results can be used or made available for use to enhance improvements in health care. Results should be directly relevant to customers (e.g., providers and practitioners, administrators, payers, consumers, policymakers, and insurers), focus on topical areas unique to AHRQ and focus on research topics which are unique to AHRQ and address one of the current priority areas of AHRQ. Current AHRQ priority areas of research interest include: (1) Translating Research into Practice and Policy; (2) Patient Safety and Quality; (3) Patient-Centered Care; (4) Payment and Organization; and (5) Care of Individuals with Multiple Health Conditions.