Grant Title: HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Area of Research: Improve the nation’s health.

Release & Expiration Dates: June, 2006 release; October 13, 2006 expiration

Application Deadline: October 13, 2006

Amount: $80,000 stipend in year 1; $83,000 stipend in year 2. 18 awards.

Length of Support: Up to 2 years.

Eligible applicants: Outstanding individuals who have completed doctoral training in one of a variety of disciplines, ranging from the behavioral and social sciences to the biological and natural sciences and health professions, are eligible.

Agency/Department: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Summary: This Program is designed to build the nation's capacity for research, leadership and action to address the broad range of factors affecting the health of populations. The Program seeks to improve the nation’s health by directing greater attention and resources to the full spectrum of factors that affect health. It will enhance and broaden the intellectual perspectives that scholars bring from their original disciplines. Training activities at the participating universities are flexible to meet the diverse backgrounds, interests and needs of individual scholars. Specific offerings vary by site, but include two years of intensive seminars, mentored research and focused training in skills necessary for effective leadership, program implementation and policy change. Scholar-directed research and analysis conducted with the guidance or collaboration of distinguished faculty mentors are major elements of the program at all sites. The curriculum will foster cross-disciplinary thinking and dialogue, as scholars and faculty from different disciplines explore contributing risk factors, interactions among contextual forces, behavioral predispositions, biological susceptibility, developmental timing and influences, and approaches to intervention. The program thus will expand the intellectual scope, collaborative competence, shared language and scientific creativity of both scholars and faculty.

Detailed Information: http://www.healthandsocietyscholars.org/