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## **NEW CONNECTIONS: INCREASING DIVERSITY OF RWJF PROGRAMMING ANNOUNCES FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIOR INVESTIGATORS AND MID-CAREER CONSULTANTS**

Are you a diverse researcher or evaluator interested in funding, mentoring and training opportunities?

If you are in the early career stage, are you no more than ten years from the receipt of your doctorate?

Or if you are in the mid-career stage, do you have at least ten and no more than 15 years of experience in research and/or evaluation?

If so, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming is a wonderful opportunity for you.

New Connections offers early- and mid-career researchers from historically underrepresented backgrounds funding opportunities, as well as a community of support, advice, and collaboration. We aim to give diverse researchers the necessary opportunities to impact change.

Launched in 2005 New Connections is more than a grant opportunity. It is a life-long professional network for diverse researchers. To date, New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming has awarded approximately \$3 million in grants.

We are pleased to announce our Round 6 Call for Proposals for Junior Investigators and Mid-Career Consultants.

In this sixth round of call for proposals, New Connections seeks Junior Investigators and Mid-Career Consultants who:

- have been underrepresented in RWJF research and evaluation programming activities and would be first-time grantees to RWJF.
- are historically underrepresented ethnic or racial minorities, first-generation college graduates (i.e., first in their immediate family to receive a college degree), or individuals from low-income communities.

Junior investigators are no more than ten years from the receipt of their doctorate. Junior Investigators are eligible for a two-year grant of up to \$75,000.

Mid-Career Consultants are those who have at least ten and no more than fifteen years of experience in research and/or evaluation. Mid-Career Consultants are eligible for a one-year grant of up to \$75,000.

### **Key Dates:**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011** - CFP is released

**Wednesday, March 16 & 17, 2011 from 3-4:30pm ET**- Optional applicant web conference for junior investigators and mid-career consultants. This is an opportunity

to answer applicant questions, and is highly encouraged. Registration is required. To register for the junior investigator web conference, click [here](#). To register for the mid-career web conference, click [here](#).

**Thursday, May 5, 2011 by 3pm ET-** Brief Proposal is due

**We've made some changes to the CFP process. For example, we extended the junior investigator eligibility from up to seven years postdoctorate to ten years (as noted above). We also now allow a range of methods for projects from secondary data analysis to mixed methods and even original data collection (if appropriate).**

For more information and to apply, please visit the New Connections website at [www.rwjf-newconnections.org](http://www.rwjf-newconnections.org) or the following links:

Junior Investigators: [www.rwjf.org/cfp/ncji](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/ncji)

Mid-Career Consultants: <http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/ncmc>

Please do NOT post this on any list serve. If you have a colleague that you think would be interested in and eligible for this opportunity, please forward this email to them. If you think there is a list serve where this opportunity may be of interest please email us at [info@rwjf-newconnections.org](mailto:info@rwjf-newconnections.org) and New Connections will make contact with the host(s) of the list serve.

Thank you.

New Connections National Program Office

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