

Center for Healthcare Research and Quality

FUNDING ALERT

Ongoing Intramural Grant Opportunity for Health Services Research

The Center for Healthcare Research and Quality announces an ongoing opportunity for pilot grant funding in Health Services Research. The Office of Research is encouraging applications to the intramural grant program for research to study and improve the organization, financing, delivery and outcomes of health care. Depending on the quality of proposals, one or more proposals in this area will be funded at each cycle. Funding of up to \$15,000 is for 12 months.

Next Deadline: April 16, 2003.

Details: www.phs.wfubmc.edu/chrq/index.htm

Funding Opportunity Websites to Bookmark

Ongoing funding opportunities are listed on two useful sites. Visit AHRQ and RWJ:
<http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm> <http://www.rwjf.org/applying/cfpOpen.jsp>

Clinical Research Training Grants for Junior Faculty (CRTG)

The American Cancer Society Clinical Research Training Grants for Junior Faculty (CRTG) program supports the training of junior faculty who are in the first four years of independent faculty appointment to conduct mentored clinical, epidemiological, or health policy and outcomes research. CRTG are intended to provide the resources for junior faculty members to achieve the mentored research training and experience required for successful careers as independent clinical researchers. The purpose of this grant is to support clinical research by individuals with doctoral or equivalent degrees who are not yet fully independent investigators. The CRTG is available for all areas of clinical and epidemiological cancer research, including cancer control, psychosocial and behavioral, health services, and health policy research. CRTG clinical researchers would be eligible to apply for the ACS's Research Project Grants as new investigators.

The application must originate jointly from the institution and the applicant and must describe fully all proposed research, clinical, teaching, and other academic activities. The mentor must outline a program by which the applicant will reach full research independence during the tenure of the award. Awards are made for one to three years for up to \$120,000 per year, plus 20 percent indirect costs.

Deadline: March 01, 2003; October 01, 2003

Information:

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/RES/content/RES_5_2x_Clinical_Research_Training_Grants_for_Junior_Faculty.asp?sitearea=RES

Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation *Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research* program requests proposals to interpret, develop, or substantially advance ideas or knowledge that can improve health or health care policy in the U.S. The program challenges investigators to think creatively about the most important problems affecting the health and health care of Americans to advance society's understanding of these problems and directly benefit policymakers and health leaders.

The program will enable a select number of highly qualified individuals in diverse fields, from new investigators to distinguished senior scholars, to undertake studies that will, for example: explore the underlying values, historical evolution, and interplay among the social, economic, and political forces that have shaped health, health care, and health policy in the United States; apply new perspectives from a variety of disciplines to analyze the underlying principles, organization, and functions of the health care and public health systems; analyze social, political, and economic factors that influence the population's health; develop innovative ideas that hold promise for improving the performance of the health care system; and explore the policy significance of existing studies concerning the functioning of the health care system and its participants.

Ideally, the research conducted under this program should support development of creative solutions to critical health issues or make an enduring intellectual contribution. Examples of research supported by the program include: the problem of environmentally induced disease; the relationship of firearm policy to public health; the impact of social inequalities on health disparities; competition in the health care delivery system; hospital restructuring and the implications for patient outcomes; the problem of medical errors in the delivery system; and issues related to improving the functioning of the long-term care system. Depending on the specifics of a given proposal, total grant amounts range from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and grant duration from one to three years.

Deadline: letter of intent due April 02, 2003

Information: <http://www.ihhpar.rutgers.edu/rwjf/>

Institutional Support: Contact Jeffrey Swaim, Development Office, at 6-3040 for help.

The WFUBMC Center for Healthcare Research and Quality (CHRQ) works with the Department of Outcomes Management/Value Analysis and Hospital Administration to identify and pursue opportunities for research partnerships between the Hospital and the School of Medicine. Funding opportunities highlighted in Pursuit focus on hospital operations initiatives, performance improvement, translation of evidence-based medicine into practice, and quality of care research. The primary mission of the CHRQ is to study and improve the organization, financing, delivery and outcomes of healthcare provided to patients across a wide spectrum of medical conditions.

For more information contact Shellie Ellis at 713-4221 or visit our website at www.phs.wfubmc.edu/chrg/index.htm