



Weekly Funding Opportunity Announcements
Monday, January 7th, 2013

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NIH Funding Announcements – New This Week

For week ending January 4th, 2013:

New Requests For Applications (RFAs)

Title	Announcement Number	Issuing Organization	Release Date	Letter of Intent Due Date	Application Due Date
Data Coordinating Center for the NICHD Cooperative Multicenter Reproductive Medicine Network (U10)	RFA-HD-14-018	NICHD	01/07/2013	March 4, 2013	April 4, 2013
Leveraging Existing Natural Experiments to Advance the Health of People with Severe Mental Illness (R24)	RFA-MH-13-140	NIMH	01/07/2013	February 11, 2013	March 11, 2013
Limited Submission** Silvio O. Conte Digestive Diseases Research Core Centers (P30)	RFA-DK-12-023	NIDDK	01/04/2013	June 14, 2013 & October 15, 2013	July 15 & November 15, 2013

**The sponsor has limited the number of applications that institutions may submit for this award.

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please submit a brief notice of intent to apply for this award to the HSPH Office of Research Strategy and Development (orsd@hsph.harvard.edu) by Monday, February 4th, 2013. Based on the number of notices received, we will determine whether an internal competition/internal coordination may be needed at the School or University-level to select nominees for this award.

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Functional Epigenomics: Developing Tools and Technologies for Cell-type, Temporal, or Locus-specific Manipulation of the Epigenome (R01)	RFA-RM-12-026	OSC	01/04/2013	February 27, 2013	March 27, 2013, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization

New Program Announcements (PAs)

Title	Announcement Number	Issuing Organization	Release Date	Letter of Intent Due Date	Application Due Date
Competitive Revision Applications for Research on Complementary Approaches to Symptom Management in Military and Veteran Populations (R01)	PA-13-075	NCCAM	01/07/2013	Not Applicable	Standard dates apply, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization
Gene Function Studies to Investigate Rare and Undiagnosed Diseases (Admin Supp)	PA-13-076	OSC	01/07/2013	Not Applicable	February 26, 2013
Small Grants for New Investigators to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (R03)	PAR-13-074	NIDDK	01/07/2013	Year 1: May 16, 2013 Year 2: May 16, 2014 Year 3: May 16, 2015	Year 1: June 16, 2013 Year 2: June 16, 2014 Year 3: June 16, 2015
International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) (K01)	PAR-13-072	FIC	01/04/2013	Not Applicable	March 4, 2013; March 4, 2014; March 4, 2015
NEI Clinical Study Planning Grant Program (R34)	PAR-13-073	NEI	01/04/2013	Not Applicable	Standard dates apply
Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Research Advancement Award (SC1)	PAR-13-069	NIGMS	01/03/2013	Not Applicable	March 4, 2013; May 25, 2013; September 25, 2013
Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Pilot Project Award (SC2)	PAR-13-070	NIGMS	01/03/2013	Not Applicable	March 4, 2013; May 25, 2013; September 25, 2013

Title	Announcement Number	Issuing Organization	Release Date	Letter of Intent Due Date	Application Due Date
Support of Competitive Research (SCORE) Research Continuance Award (SC3)	PAR-13-071	NIGMS	01/03/2013	Not Applicable	March 4, 2013; May 25, 2013; September 25, 2013

Other Federal Funding Announcements

New - Re-Release of D&I PAR

In January 2013, the Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) Research PARs which are supported by 14 NIH institutes, as well as the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, is planned to be re-issued ([view the announcement here](#)). We would like to share an exciting opportunity to and engage with key contacts and hear about the new changes regarding the re-issued PAR.

Two webinars will be hosted in January (details below) to offer a chance for interested investigators to ask questions and discuss any issues related to the application process and re-issued program announcements. The webinars will be led by Dr. David Chambers and key contacts for some of the other institutes. Additionally, Ross Brownson, Chair of the NIH D&I Research in Health Study Section, will be on the webinar to reflect on the review process (on January 31 date only). If you have any questions about the webinar, please contact Peyton Purcell (purcellp@mail.nih.gov).

Please circulate this announcement to others in your network who may be interested.

Webinar Information

Dates of Webinar (the same information will be presented – you do not need to attend both):

- Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 3:00-4:00pm EST
- Thursday, January 31, 2013, 1:00-2:00pm EST

To Join the Webinar (on either date)

At the time of the webinar...

- For audio, call the conference line #: 1-888-791-0639 (toll-free) or 1-210-234-9648 (toll)
- Enter the Participant Passcode: 3580846 followed by # sign
- To view the slides for the call, click on (or copy and paste into your browser) the following web log-in link: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=RW3301304&p=36774&t=c> (this link should automatically connect to the meeting, if not, the Confirmation # is RW3301304 and the Passcode is 3580846)

Be sure to save this information in your calendar.

NOTE: If you haven't used Microsoft Live Meeting before, you can [download the Live Meeting Client plug-in](#) now to test your system (if you use a Mac, you may have to select the "LiveMeeting Web Access" version instead of the "Client" version).

The announcements for the current D&I PAR are available at the following links (these will be updated following the re-issuance in January):

R01: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-038.html>

R03: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-039.html>

R21: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-040.html>

PCORI's inaugural innovation challenge.

We are pleased to tell you that today we officially announced the challenge- a competition to create a "matching" system or service that can connect researchers with patient partners to advance patient-centered outcomes research. The PCORI Challenge is managed for us by Health 2.0 as part of their [Health 2.0 Developer Challenge](#) series.

As you may know, PCORI believes patients, caregivers and other stakeholders should be an integral part of research. In fact, our funding announcements require applicants to include a plan for patient and stakeholder engagement throughout the research process. We hope the PCORI Challenge will help make this goal a reality.

PCORI will award cash prizes to the winning entries in two categories: one first-place prize of \$10,000 for a matching plan, and one first-place prize of \$40,000 for a working prototype of a web-based solution and/or application. A panel of reviewers, including researchers, technologists, patients and other stakeholders, will assess the entries. The submission period opens today and the deadline for entries is **11:59 p.m. ET on April 15, 2013**. Winners will be announced at a major national health conference in spring 2013.

Learn more and register to enter the challenge at www.pcori.org/challenge/.

Again, thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing how your innovative ideas can help advance our mission.

Sincerely,

Joe Selby, MD, MPH
Executive Director
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

PCORI

PCORI recently released a [funding announcement](#) to support research that addresses methodological gaps in patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR).

PCORI will award \$12 million for up to 14 contracts that collaborate with patients and stakeholders advance address knowledge gaps and advance the field of comparative clinical effectiveness research.

This PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA) corresponds to PCORI's fifth priority area, Accelerating Patient-Centered and Methodological Research, from its [National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda](#). The results of these studies will inform future iterations of the PCORI [Methodology Report](#) and its standards.

Application materials for this PFA can be downloaded from the "[Funding Opportunities](#)" section of PCORI's website. The online application system will open on December 17, 2012, and letters of intent are due January 31, 2013.

Information on all PCORI funding opportunities is available online at www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities.

[PCORI: Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options](#)

Closing Date: March 31, 2013

[PCORI: Improving Healthcare](#)

Closing Date: March 31, 2013

[PCORI: Communication and Dissemination](#)

Closing Date: March 31, 2013

[PCORI: Addressing Disparities](#)

Closing Date: March 31, 2013

[CDC: NIOSH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings \(R13\)](#)

Closing Date: January 14, 2013

[CDC: Occupational Safety and Health Research \(R01\)](#)

Closing Date: May 8, 2013

[CDC: NIOSH Exploratory/Developmental Grant Program](#)

Closing Date: September 8, 2015

[CDC: NIOSH Small Research Program](#)

Closing Date: September 8, 2015

United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - [Exploratory and Developmental Grant to Improve Health Care Quality Through Health Information Technology \(IT\) \(R21\)](#)

[NIH: Morris K. Udall Centers of Excellence for Parkinson's Disease Research \(P50\) Modification 1](#)

Closing Date: January 23, 2013

[NIH: Coordinating Center for an Undiagnosed Diseases Network \(UDN\) \(U01\)](#)

Closing Date: February 1, 2013

Department of Defense: FY12 Psychological Health/Traumatic Brain Injury (PH/TBI)

Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium (CENC) Award

[Program Announcement](#)

[Application Instructions](#)

Release Date

September 6, 2012

Funding Amount

- The maximum period of performance is **5** years.
- The maximum allowable total costs for the entire period of performance are **\$37.175M** via the DoD.

Up to an additional **\$5M** per year for 5 years will be provided by the VA to VA sites, depending upon availability of funds.

Department of Defense: (FY13) Defense Medical Research and Development Program

Assistive Technologies Research Award

[Program Announcement](#)

[Application Instructions](#)

Release Date

November 30, 2012

Pre-Application (Pre-Proposal) Due Date: January 8, 2013

Application Due Date: March 13, 2013

Funding Amount

Maximum funding of **\$2M** for total costs (direct + indirect). Period of performance not to exceed **4** years

Internal Harvard Funding Opportunities

Office of Technology Development - Boehringer Ingelheim RNAi Screening Collaboration Program

Deadline: January 31, 2013

http://otd.harvard.edu/faculty/BI-ICCB-L_RFP_Nov2012_FINAL.pdf

Harvard University Center for AIDS Research, in collaboration with the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center

The Harvard University Center for AIDS Research, in collaboration with the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals for feasibility pilot grants involving research collaborations in the area of HIV-associated malignancies.

Amount of award: up to \$50k direct

Application due date: 2/4/2013

See the attached pdf for more information.

Harvard Catalyst - Updated: KL2 Medical Research Investigator Training (MeRIT) awards – applications accepted starting December 7, 2012

The Harvard Catalyst Postgraduate Education Program will soon open the application window for the [KL2 Medical Research Investigator Training \(MeRIT\)](#) awards, an exciting opportunity for:

- Senior fellows – those who will receive their first faculty appointment within 6-12 months
- Junior faculty – those within the first three years of their faculty appointment

Fellows and junior faculty from the health professions represented in Harvard Catalyst (e.g., medicine, dentistry, nursing) who are interested in pursuing rigorous training in clinical and translational research through a combined program of educational activities and mentored research are encouraged to apply.

Learn more about the impact a KL2 award can have on your research [here](#). You can also take a look at the list of [current KL2 awardees](#) and the links to their Harvard Catalyst Profiles.

The award cycle for the 2013 round of KL2 awards has been moved forward to a new start date of July 1, 2013. Applications will be accepted starting December 7, 2012 (*please note this is an update from a previous posting which noted November 9*) and **must be completed by March 14, 2013 by 5:00pm EST.**

For more information on the program, including eligibility requirements, visit [KL2 MeRIT](#) or contact Harvard Catalyst Education Coordinator [Jake Jones](#).

Other Funding Opportunities

University of Massachusetts, Boston - Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center U54 Partnership 2013 Request for Grant Applications

[http://www.umb.edu/u54/applying_for_funding/.](http://www.umb.edu/u54/applying_for_funding/)

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

AWARD LEVELS:

- A. Pilot Projects (up to \$120,000 per year for two years - Direct Costs Only)
- B. Full Projects (up to \$200,000 per year for two years - Direct Costs Only)

DEADLINES & KEY DATES:

Deadline for Letter of Intent (Required): *February 1, 2013 by 11:59 PM EST
Deadline for Application Submission: May 22, 2013 by 11:59 PM EST

Anticipated Award Date: September 1, 2013

Key Dates:

**Oral presentations for internal feedback: January 16, 2013
February 13, 2013
March 13, 2013
April 17, 2013

Notice of Intent to Publish Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Funding Opportunity Announcements (NOT-HS-13-003)

AHRQ intends to promote several new initiatives by publishing Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) to solicit applications for research on Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR). These projects will support PCOR efforts in many areas, including health care interventions in real world settings, advanced use of the research findings by diverse populations, development of effective patient registries and training and career development for the next generation of researchers.

This Notice of Intent to Publish several Requests for Applications is being provided to allow potential applicants sufficient time to develop meaningful collaborations and responsive projects. The FOAs are expected to be published beginning in early 2013.

For more information, please visit the following website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HS-13-003.html>

***Limited Submission - The Mary Kay Foundation - applications for the Innovative/Translational Cancer Research program**

The Mary Kay FoundationSM recently announced its call for applications for the Innovative/Translational Cancer Research program. Because the foundation will only accept one application from HSPH, we need to identify whether there is a need to coordinate an internal competition.

***If you are interested in applying for this award, please notify the Office of Research Strategy and Development (orsd@hsph.harvard.edu) of your intention to apply. Notices of intent must be submitted to ORSD immediately.**

Please include your:

Name

Title

Department

Brief (2-3 sentence) description of your proposed area of work

Information about the Award <http://www.marykayfoundation.org/Pages/CancerGrantProgram.aspx>

The Mary Kay FoundationSM, a funding source for cancer research, is currently accepting applications for innovative grants for translational research in ovarian, uterine, breast, or cervical cancer.

The program will offer between ten to fifteen grants. The awards will be up to \$100,000 each (combined direct and indirect costs). The grant period is for two years. Applications must be submitted by one Principal Investigator, selected by the Institution. Only one grant application will be accepted from each accredited medical school and school of public health in the United States. Grants are limited to the United States. Application guidelines and instructions are included in this announcement.

Sponsor Deadline – Feb. 4, 2013

American Asthma Foundation - Scholars Program

A new award program for early- to mid-career scientists from all fields

The American Asthma Foundation supports highly innovative research from all fields relevant to asthma. We wish to draw outstanding investigators from other fields into the study of asthma, and most of our investigators are studying asthma for the first time. For 2013, all grants will be to investigators who are within 10 years of their first independent faculty appointment. Recipients will be designated AAF Scholars.

AWARD AMOUNT: Up to \$450,000 (\$150,000 per year for up to 3 years.) Funds for institutional overhead are not provided.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 6, 2013

START DATE: July 1, 2013

ELIGIBILITY:

Scientists in the United States from any relevant field are eligible.

Initial independent faculty appointment should be on or after February 1, 2003.

Applicants should have an independent research program, with national-level, independent funding.

ORGANIZATION: The American Asthma Foundation is the largest private funder of asthma-related research, having awarded nearly \$100 million to scientists since 2000.

REVIEW CRITERIA: Innovation, research proposal, relevance to asthma, investigator

NOTE: The application is short (maximum 7 pages). Preliminary data are not required.

FURTHER INFORMATION AT: <http://americanasthmafoundation.org/>

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars 2012-2013 Call for Applications

Deadline: February 28, 2013, 5:00 p.m. EST

Program Area: [Human Capital](#)

Purpose: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are collaborating to foster the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care through the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars* program. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans.

Program Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Applications • Overview
How to Apply:	<p>*Please read the call for applications before applying.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply Online
Total Awards:	We will select up to 20 individuals in 2013 for appointments beginning July 1, 2014. First year scholar stipend is \$67,000 with an increase the second year. In some cases, VA stipends may be higher. Additional financial support is provided for research projects and professional travel.
Eligibility & Selection Criteria:	<p>To be eligible, physicians must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be committed to a career in academic medicine, public health, health policy or another career congruent with the program's purposes and priorities of developing physician leaders and skilled researchers; • be highly regarded by those responsible for their clinical training; • complete the clinical requirements of their residency training by the date of entry into the program (except for surgeons); and • be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. Both MDs and DOs are eligible to apply. <p>We embrace racial, ethnic and gender diversity and encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds and clinical disciplines.</p>
Key Dates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 28, 2013 (5 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of applications. • April 12, 2013—Interviews completed. • July 1, 2013—Notification of acceptance. • July 1, 2014—Entry of selected scholars into the program at participating universities.
Contact:	<p>Kristin Siebenaler, deputy director rwjcsp_admin@med.unc.edu Office: (919) 843-1351 http://rwjcsp.unc.edu</p>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research - 2012 Call for Applications

Deadline:	January 16, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EST
Program Area:	Human Capital
Purpose:	The <i>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research</i> program supports educational and other nonprofit institutions where highly qualified individuals propose to undertake broad studies of America's most challenging policy issues in health and health care. Grants of up to \$335,000 each are awarded to institutions to support Investigators from a variety of disciplines for innovative research projects that have national policy relevance.
Program Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Applications • Overview
How to Apply:	<p>*Please read the call for applications before applying.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply Online • Preview the complete application before submitting an application.
Total Awards:	Approximately eight awards will be made in this grant cycle. The maximum award is \$335,000, which includes personnel, other direct costs and indirect costs calculated at a rate of up to 12 percent.
Eligibility &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be submitted by an educational institution or nonprofit organization

- Selection Criteria:** that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), located in the United States, or its territories, with which the proposed Investigator is affiliated.
- We welcome applicants in the health, social and behavioral sciences, as well as other fields.
 - We seek a diverse group of applicants, including minorities, early-career researchers and individuals who work in non-academic settings.
 - Past *RWJF Investigator Award* grantees and teams of more than two researchers may not apply.
- Key Dates:**
- **January 16, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)**—Deadline for submission of complete letter of intent applications. Materials submitted after this deadline will not be considered.
 - **April 15, 2013**—Applicants notified by email saying whether they have been selected to submit a full proposal.
 - **June 12, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)**—Deadline for submission of full proposals.
 - **November 29, 2013**—Notification letter emailed to applicants saying whether they have been selected as grantees.
 - **February 1 to September 1, 2014**—Acceptable project start dates.
- Contact:** Jed Horwitt, MPH, Deputy Director
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 Office: (617) 353-9220

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars - 2013 Call for Applications

- Deadline:** February 12, 2013, 3:00 p.m. EST
- Program Area:** [Human Capital](#)
- Purpose:** The goal of the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars* (NFS) program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training, and salary and research support to young faculty.
- Program Information:**
- [Call for Applications](#)
 - [Overview](#)
- How to Apply:** *Please read the call for applications before applying.
- [Apply Online](#)
 - [Preview the complete application before submitting an application.](#)
- Total Awards:**
- Up to 12 awards of up to \$350,000 each over three years will be available in this round of funding.
- Eligibility & Selection Criteria:** Candidates must:
- Be a registered nurse with a research doctorate in nursing or a related discipline.
 - Be a junior faculty member in an accredited school of nursing with an academic position that could lead to tenure. Junior faculty are usually at the instructor or assistant professor level.
 - After completing the doctorate, be in an academic position that could lead to tenure for at least two years and no more than five years at the start of the program.
 - Identify at least one senior leader in the school of nursing to serve as a primary (nursing) mentor for academic career planning and to provide access to organizations, programs and colleagues helpful to the candidate's work as a scholar.
 - Identify at least one senior researcher in the university with similar or complementary research interests to serve as a research mentor. Scholars are encouraged to select the research mentor from a discipline outside of nursing.

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident at the time of application and must not be receiving support from other research fellowships/traineeships at the time they begin the program. Candidates who are permanent residents and not green card holders should contact Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing before applying to determine whether they can satisfy the program's eligibility and documentation requirements.

Full selection criteria can be found in the Call for Applications.

Key Dates:

- December 11, 2012 (1 p.m. ET) and December 19, 2012 (11 a.m. ET)—Optional applicant Web conference calls. Registration is required. Please visit the program's website for complete details and to register.
- February 12, 2013 (3 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of applications.
- Mid-April 2013—Notification of semifinalist status.
- June 17–19, 2013—Semifinalist interviews with national advisory committee.
- Late June 2013—Notification of finalists.
- September 1, 2013—Appointments begin.

Contact: Applicants may send questions to: rwjfnfs@jhu.edu

The 2013 Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences

The Dreyfus Prize in the Chemical Sciences recognizes an individual for exceptional and original research in a selected area of chemistry that has advanced the field in a major way.

The 2013 Dreyfus Prize will be awarded in the field of: **chemical instrumentation**

The Dreyfus Prize, awarded biennially, consists of a citation, a medal, and a monetary award of \$250,000.

The nomination deadline is **March 1, 2013**.

For further information, see www.dreyfus.org.

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.
555 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10022-3301

Heritage Provider Network Health Prize

<http://www.heritagehealthprize.com/>

More than 71 million individuals in the United States are admitted to hospitals each year, according to the latest survey from the American Hospital Association. Studies have concluded that in 2006 well over \$30 billion was spent on unnecessary hospital admissions. Is there a better way? Can we identify earlier those most at risk and ensure they get the treatment they need? The Heritage Provider Network (HPN) believes that the answer is "yes".

To achieve its goal of developing a breakthrough algorithm that uses available patient data to predict and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, HPN is sponsoring the Heritage Health Prize Competition (the "Competition"). HPN believes that incentivized competition is the best way to achieve the radical breakthroughs necessary to begin fixing America's health care system.

The winning team will create an algorithm that predicts how many days a patient will spend in a hospital in the next year. Once known, health care providers can develop new care plans and strategies to reach patients before emergencies occur, thereby reducing the number of unnecessary hospitalizations. This will result in increasing the

health of patients while decreasing the cost of care. In short, a winning solution will change health care delivery as we know it – from an emphasis on caring for the individual after they get sick to a true health care system.

The Competition runs for two years and offers a US \$3 million Grand Prize, as well as six Milestone Prizes totaling \$230,000, which are awarded in varying amounts at three designated intervals during the Competition.

Started: **5:03 pm, Monday 4 April 2011 UTC**

Ends: **6:59 am, Wednesday 3 April 2013 UTC**

Keystone Symposia Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA)

Keystone Symposia has now some additional funds for Early Career Investigator Travel Awards (ECITA). These awards are for Assistant Professors from designated URM backgrounds in the U.S., who are “bench” researchers. The purpose is to support their research success by providing funds for them to attend one of the Keystone Symposia research meetings (Up to \$1800).

The application may be found on-line at www.keystonesymposia.org/diversity
<<http://www.keystonesymposia.org/diversity>> See ECITA.

The application process opened March 1, 2012 for all of our meetings between now and Feb 28, 2013. However, the awards will be made upon review, on a first come basis. So interested applicants should view our meetings right away at www.keystonesymposia.org/meetings <<http://www.keystonesymposia.org/meetings>> and find a meeting of interest for which they might want to apply. The awards are made for a particular meeting. Applicants **MUST** be engaged in laboratory research and focused on a career in “bench” research.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19274>

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) supports research, policy analysis and evaluation projects that provide policy leaders timely information on health care policy, financing and organization issues. Supported projects include: 1) examining significant issues and interventions related to health care financing and organization and their effects on health care costs, quality and access; and 2) exploring or testing major new ways to finance and organize health care that have the potential to improve access to more affordable and higher quality health services. **Grants are awarded on a rolling basis; proposals may be submitted at any time.**