

Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program (AMFDP)

2015 Call for Applications

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has long invested in building and maintaining a strong, capable and diverse leadership and workforce in health and health care in response to an ever changing environment. RWJF supports programs for promising leaders and scholars in training, research and leadership development; makes investments to build specific fields within health and health care; and helps to ensure that our nation has a sufficient, well-trained workforce that provides direct care and services to patients.

The *Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program* (AMFDP) was developed as a result of more than 20 years of experience with RWJF's *Minority Medical Faculty Development Program*, which sought to increase the number of underrepresented minorities on medical faculties. The program was renamed in 2003 in honor of Harold Amos, PhD, who was the first African American to chair a department at Harvard Medical School - now the Department of Microbiology and Medical Genetics. Dr. Amos worked tirelessly to recruit and mentor countless minority and disadvantaged students to careers in academic medicine and science. He was a founding member of the national advisory committee (NAC) of the *Minority Medical Faculty Development Program* in 1983, and served as its director between 1989 and 1993. Dr. Amos remained actively engaged with the program until his death in 2003.

As part of RWJF's ongoing efforts to increase diversity in health and health care, the AMFDP offers four-year postdoctoral research awards to increase the number of faculty from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who 1) can achieve senior rank in academic medicine and dentistry and 2) who will encourage and foster the development of succeeding classes of such physicians and dentists.

Total Awards

We will fund up to ten four-year awards in this grant cycle. Scholars will receive an annual stipend of up to \$75,000 each, complemented by a \$30,000 annual grant toward support of research activities.

Key Dates

March 18, 2015 (3 p.m. ET)

Deadline for receipt of completed applications.

We will not consider materials submitted after this date.

March 19, 2015

Deadline for postmark of supporting documents.

July 8-10, 2015

Applicant interviews with NAC members in Chicago.

December 2015

Notification of awards.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

To be eligible for this award, applicants must be physicians or dentists who:

- are from historically disadvantaged backgrounds (ethnic, financial or educational),
- are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and
- are completing or have completed their formal clinical training. (We will give preference to those who have recently completed their formal clinical training.)

Candidates who are permanent residents and not green card holders should contact Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program before applying to determine whether they can satisfy the program's eligibility and documentation requirements.

We will select semifinalists from among the applicants and ask them to interview with NAC members. Detailed research plans and budgets for selected finalists must be submitted by a university, school of medicine or dentistry or research institution that is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with which the prospective scholar will be affiliated during the term of the fellowship.

Additionally, candidates cannot be related by blood or marriage to any Officer or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of its founder, Robert Wood Johnson.