Limited Submission Announcement

2017 W.T. Grant Scholars Award

Overview:

The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand junior researchers’ expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. We recognize that early-career researchers are rarely given incentives or support to take such risks, so this award includes a mentoring component, as well as an emphasis on community and collaboration.

We are focused on youth ages 5 to 25 in the United States. We fund research that increases our understanding of:

- programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes, and
- strategies to improve the use of research evidence in ways that benefit youth.

We seek research that builds stronger theory and empirical evidence in these two areas. We intend for the research we support to inform change. While we do not expect that any one study will create that change, the research should contribute to a body of useful knowledge to improve the lives of young people.
Eligibility:

- Applicant received his/her terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D., M.D.) within seven years of submitting the application. For Ph.Ds this is the date the doctoral degree was conferred. In medicine, the seven-year maximum is dated from the completion of the first residency.
- Applicants must be tenure track.
- Project advances the Foundation's interest in understanding programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality or improving the use of research evidence.

Award Background:

- A five-year grant of $350,000 (grant period is July 2018 - June 2023)
- Only one applicant may be nominated from a major school or college of an institution each year.
- Each year, four to six Scholars are selected.
- The award must not replace the institution's current support of the applicant's research.
- List of Past Awardees - we strongly recommend reviewing past grants to determine competitiveness.

Deadlines

Internal: May 16, 2017
Sponsor: July 6, 2017

Internal Application Process

Only one applicant may be nominated from a major school or college of an institution each year. The internal selection process will be led by the research deans of applicants' colleges and informed by the W.T. Grant Scholars Program guidelines and submission requirements.

If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a single PDF to Michelle Wonsey (mwonsey@umass.edu) by Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Please include:

- Name, department, year doctoral degree was conferred, on a 2-page explanation of how this award will significantly expand your expertise and the proposed research plan. Identify the specific areas e.g., developing expertise in a different discipline, method, and/or content area.
- Proposed mentor, if known, with credentials noted in a few sentences
- C.V.
- Grant history
Additional Information

For more information, visit the program's guidelines. If you have technical questions on the W.T. Grant Scholars Program or your eligibility, please contact Michael Stein in Corporate and Foundation Relations.

Please click on the following links for more information on funding opportunities:

- Limited Submission Funding Opportunities
- On-Campus Funding Opportunities
- Funding for New or Early Career Faculty

You can find additional information on the CFR Website:

- Private Foundation Limited Submission Opportunities
- Grant Writing Tips and Suggestions