



**Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Scholars Program
Request for Applications**

TO: All Current First Year Full-Time Doctoral Students
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and
Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

FROM: Fannie Fonseca-Becker, Dr.PH, MPH, RD
Director, J&J Community Health Care Scholars Program

DATE: March 5, 2010

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting applications from current first year full-time doctoral students interested in translating their academic knowledge into practice by participating in the Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Scholars Program (J&J Scholars Program). The goal of the J&J Scholars Program is to assist community health care organizations that are receiving J&J grants, to build their in-house capacity in monitoring and evaluation. Program monitoring and evaluation experience (academic or work related) is preferred but not required.

The attached information pages describe the J&J Community Health Care Program, and the J&J Scholars Program. The application form is also attached. If you are interested in applying to the J&J Scholars Program, please send the following information in electronic form as well as a duly signed copy by regular mail:

- Completed application form (see attached)
- Brief (no more than one page, double-spaced) statement describing why you would like to participate in this program, including relevant experience, coursework, and educational objectives
- Current CV
- JHBSPH or JHSON transcript (unofficial)

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By: **5:00 pm on April 2, 2010.**

Interviews will be scheduled with selected applicants in March/April, 2010.

For further information please visit our website <http://www.jjhscholar.org> or contact Mrs. Mary Lemon, Administrative Assistant, J&J Scholars Program at jjscholar@jhsph.edu



Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Scholars Program 2010-2013

The Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program

The *Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program* (J&J CHC) has awarded, since 1987, an average of eight to ten grants annually to non-profit health care organizations serving medically underserved populations across the continental United States and Puerto Rico. The strategic intent of the CHC program, modified in 2009, is to focus on promoting wellness and healthy lifestyle choices to prevent and reduce the impact of chronic diseases and obesity related conditions. The goal of the J&J CHC Program is to increase the in-house capacity of non-profit Community Health Care Organizations to: (1) design and implement the monitoring and evaluation of the J&J funded interventions, and, (2) utilize cutting-edge prevention science to implement innovative, evidence-based and effective interventions.

The 2010-2013 J&J grants fund non-profit Community Health Care Organizations (CHCOs) to implement programs that improve the knowledge and healthy life choices (behaviors) of children and the adults in their lives that influence their food selection and physical fitness. The programs will adopt evidence-based practices (EBP) *and* best-practices to reduce obesity in children ages, 6 to 12 years. The projects are situated in the following regions:

- Bronx, NY
- Hamilton County, OH
- Long Beach, CA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Shelby County, TN
- Wayne County, MI

The Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program at the Johns Hopkins University

Since 1998, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH) has collaborated with the J&J CHC in the following areas: 1) providing technical assistance to selected grantees to build their in-house capacity in evaluation; (2) supporting the development and implementation of the J&J CHC annual meeting including technical workshop(s) for the convened grantees, and (3) since 2002, coordinating the call for proposals and proposal assessment process for the J&J CHC grants. Since January 2007, the J&J CHCP has been housed in the Department of Health, Behavior and Society.

The Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Scholars Program at Johns Hopkins (J & J Scholars Program)

Every year a selected group of second year (first year at time of application) full-time doctoral students from the JHSPH and the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing (JHUSON) have the opportunity to develop their skills in program evaluation and implementation with community-based, non-profit organizations.

Each J&J grantee site is matched with a doctoral student who through participatory approaches assists the grantee to build their in-house capacity in evaluation. Matching is based on student interest and skills as well as grantee needs. Student mentoring and supervision is provided by Dr. Fannie Fonseca-Becker, Director of the Community Health Care Scholars Program and faculty at the JHSPH.

Benefits to students selected to participate in the J & J Scholars Program

- Hands-on public health practice with community-based health care organizations.
- Develop skills in program evaluation and technical assistance appropriate to community-based health care organizations through in-class training.
- Develop skills in proposal assessment.
- Develop training skills by supporting grantee staff in learning the use of software appropriate to the grantee's data collection, analysis and presentation needs.
- On-site visits to grantee sites twice a year with Program Director - travel related expenses covered by the J & J Scholars Program.
- Receive faculty mentoring in a small working group and individually.
- \$12,500 stipend for 2 ½ years, paid semi-monthly during the school year.

J & J Scholars Responsibilities

- Attend and participate in regularly scheduled group training meetings with the Program Director to refine evaluation and technical assistance skills.
- Meet regularly with the Program Director for individual advising.
- Submit monthly activity logs to the Program Director.
- Provide technical assistance to the grantee in design and implementation of their evaluation and program implementation plan, through bi-annual site visits and follow-up by phone, and e-mail. E-mail contact averages once per week but can vary depending on the grantee's needs.
- Research and share information on the grantee's specific issues, such as current literature, methods, and instruments.
- Participate in the review of proposals submitted periodically by community health care organizations applying for funding to the J&J Community Health Care Program.
- Participate in the fall annual meeting (2010 and 2011).
- Write a concise and clear annual reports of experience with the grantee including progress they have made in their understanding of program evaluation and its application to their J&J funded project, as well as its contributions to project sustainability.

How long is the commitment?

- Students are required to commit to work with the program for the duration of the grantee's funding: **2 ½ years** (September 1, 2010 to May 31, 2013).

Who should apply?

- All **current full-time first year** doctoral students in the JHSPH or JHUSON with an interest in community health care program implementation and evaluation are eligible to apply.

**JOHNSON & JOHNSON COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE
SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

Student Application for 2010-2013

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Work: _____ Fax: _____

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROGRAM AFFILIATION

JHBSPH department in which you are enrolled: _____

JHUSON program in which you are enrolled: _____

Year enrolled: _____ Track: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

Program (circle one): Ph.D. Dr.PH. ScD Fulltime Part-time

Name of Faculty Advisor: _____

Employment Status at Johns Hopkins University:

Not employed__ (20 hrs/less) __ (28-40hrs) __ other __

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Please attach a brief (no more than one page, double-spaced) statement describing why you would like to participate in this Program, including relevant experience, coursework, and educational objectives.

SKILLS

Computer skills: _____

Language skills (speaking, writing, and reading): _____

COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE FOR 2 1/2 YEARS

If selected, I commit to participate in all required activities of the J&J Community Health Care Scholars Program from September, 2010 through May 31, 2013 and to attend the fall 2010 and 2011 annual meetings.

Signature: _____ Date: _____