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**2019 Call for Applications
Informational Webinar
January 24, 2019**

Webinar Overview

- Learn about RWJF's Culture of Health vision and leadership development programs
 - Read more at: www.rwjf.org/changeleaders
- Understand the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders program and the 2019 funding opportunity
- Understand the application process
 - Call for Applications is available at: <http://interdisciplinaryresearch-leaders.org>
- Opportunity to ask questions



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Presenters

- **Vanya Jones, Michelle Becote-Jackson, Leticia Ryan**
- Current Interdisciplinary Research Leaders team in Baltimore, MD



Culture of Health

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A National Movement: Building a Culture of Health

- Create a society where every person has an equal opportunity to live the healthiest life they can; equity matters
- Embrace a more integrated, comprehensive approach to health
- Requires unprecedented collaboration with everyone playing a role

Blazing the Path: Change Leadership

- Visionary leaders bridging health care and nonmedical factors that influence health
- Leaders who embrace change, adapt and innovate in rapidly evolving landscape
- Networks of leaders across sectors, professions, perspectives
- Engaged champions well-positioned to move the nation toward a Culture of Health

Seeking Leaders Who...

- Prioritize health equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Work collaboratively across sectors
- Embrace lifelong learning, complexity, and risk-taking
- Want to have real impact
- Are ready to take their leadership and influence to the next level

RWJF leadership development programs

- Health Policy Research Scholars
- Culture of Health Leaders
- Clinical Scholars
- **Interdisciplinary Research Leaders**
- Visit www.rwjf.org/changeleaders for a summary of these RWJF programs and links to the program websites



Interdisciplinary Research Leaders: Building a culture of health together

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Interdisciplinary Research Leaders

- A groundbreaking program supporting teams of research and community leaders to do catalytic, collaborative, and impactful research
 - Connect communities and researchers
 - True collaboration is essential
 - Develop leadership skills to enhance impact
 - Attract and cultivate new, diverse, leaders

Program Partners



Activating Teams of Researchers and Community Partners

- Three-year program for teams of fellows
- Equipping teams with advanced leadership skills and a clear focus on action for health equity
- Create leaders in research: both researchers and community partners to lead research
- **The IRL is both a leadership development and research program**

Program Elements

- Teamwork
- Leadership development and training
- Curriculum for research methods, policy, and dissemination
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Community-engaged action research
- Cohort-specific research topic areas
- Collaboration with all four programs and RWJF
- Active alumni

Time Commitment

- Spend about 1 day per week on IRL activities
 - Weekly webinars (sharing and learning)
 - Online discussions
 - Web-based mini courses
 - Within and between team/program collaboration
 - Research project
- 2-3 in person meetings and events per year

Dedicated Cohort

- Annual cohorts
- Each cohort will enroll 15 teams
- Teams are 2 mid-career researchers + 1 community partner
- No relocation: Complete program from home institution through online platform

Robust Support

- \$25,000 annual fellow support per person per year
- One-time research project grants of about \$125,000
(NOTE: Some places “tax” the funds)
- Travel expenses paid
- Access to mentorship and professional development activities

Who is a Mid-Career Researcher?

- Difficult to define
- Someone with experience doing excellent research
- Perhaps 5 years post PhD and not retiring within 10 years
- No graduate or post-doctoral students or trainees
- All researchers much be mid-career: no averaging

Community Partner?

- Difficult to define
- Someone who works in and with communities
- Community partners may work in a variety of organizational settings, as long as their experience and expertise is germane to the proposed research project
- Community partners are to be and/or become research leaders

Program Experience



Summary of Eligibility Criteria

See full criteria listing in Call for Applications

- Apply as a team of 3 persons
- Researchers from different disciplinary and/or scientific perspectives; novel interdisciplinary partnerships are desired.
- Community partner has experience and expertise that is relevant to the proposed research project and the partner has authentic engagement with the community.
- Team is expected to be fully collaborative with cohesive vision and demonstrate ability to work together equitably. No PI.
- Each team member must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or individuals granted DACA status at the time of application

Summary of Selection Criteria

**See full criteria listing in Call for Applications*

- Capacity and desire to become leaders in advancing population health and health equity at local and national levels
- A compelling vision for how the research and community partners will work together equitably and collaboratively
- Researchers are excellent, interdisciplinary, and diverse
- Community partner has investment and expertise in the proposed research, authentic relationships with community
- A preliminary research proposal that has strong potential to inform policy or action at local and/or national level
- Demonstrated expertise in research and/or community concerns

Selection Process

- Selection committee of program leadership, external consultants, IRL national advisory committee (NAC), and RWJF staff
- Semifinalists will be invited for online team interviews
- IRL staff and IRL NAC make funding recommendations
- RWJF makes the final funding decisions



Community Partners

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Community Infrastructure



Affordable Housing



Commercial & Economic Development



Community Facilities



Anchor Institutions

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Economic Vitality



Quality Jobs



Small business development



Financial Coaching



Asset & Wealth Building

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Human and Social Capital



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Value of IRL to Communities

- Neighborhood-level action is meaningful to how communities develop, but research often episodic or driven from outside.
- Community partners making impacts, but often don't have tools or research partnerships to build evidence.
- Social determinants of health framework has initiated partnerships with health care and public health, but more research needed.
- Research skills and utilization desired by communities, but needs to be co-created and a cross-learning agenda.





Meet a current IRL team

- **Vanya Jones**, Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- **Michelle Becote-Jackson**, Senior VP for Youth Development and Social Responsibility at the YMCA in Central Maryland
- **Leticia Ryan**, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician and Assistant Prof. in the Dept. of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

A Fighting Chance: Implementing a Collaborative Community-Based Group Mentoring Model to Address Youth Violence Prevention



Curriculum

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Program Experience



IRL Curriculum Domains— Leadership Development Throughout



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Curriculum Delivery and Application

- Hybrid model of delivery
 - Eight in-person sessions over three years
 - Annual IRL meeting in Minnesota (October)
 - RWJF annual meeting, location varies
 - Washington, DC meeting (Year 1 and Year 3, spring)
 - Flexible, online courses
 - Regular webinars for learning and professional development
 - Targeted mentoring
- Goal is application of each of the 4 skill areas into the research project planning, coordination, communication, implementation, translation, and impact



Action Research

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Research Projects

- Should focus on issues for which there is clear potential for action and change
- May be qualitative or quantitative
- Should be methodologically rigorous and properly scaled for a two-year study time frame and budget constraints
- May be case studies; evaluations of interventions; experiments; financial, economic, or cost-effectiveness studies; health impact assessments; legal analyses; natural experiments; policy analyses; existing data analyses; qualitative/ethnographic investigations or other action-oriented designs

Program Experience



Research Topic Areas

- IRL aims to support a variety of types of research projects, study populations, and research disciplines, provided the research is:
 - Action-oriented, community-engaged, policy-relevant
- Each IRL cohort will be organized around topic areas defined in the CFA
 - IRL teams work within their topic area for the entirety of their fellowship
 - All IRL teams will interact with each other, regardless of topic area
 - Cohort 4 topic areas:
 - Community development and health
 - Clinical practice, social services, and health
 - Future cohort topic areas to be developed and released over time

Topic Area 1: Community Development and Health

- While there is evidence that the most impactful community development investments have improved a community's built and social environments, the relationship between community development and health remains largely unexplored or rigorously evaluated.
- This research theme aims to generate research to support community development for health. Proposed projects should focus on:
 - Direct and indirect community development efforts from community development financial institutions (CDFIs)
 - Intersectoral efforts (business, local gov, philanthropy, education)
 - Developing and testing evidence-based solutions
 - Community engagement
 - Health equity

Topic Area 2: Clinical practice, social services, and health

- Both medical services and social factors play central roles in determining the health status of individuals and populations. Yet there is insufficient knowledge of, and coordination between, clinical practice and social services, particularly for vulnerable and marginalized populations.
- This research theme aims to generate community-engaged research on solutions for better integration and alignment of clinical practice and social service systems. Research should focus on:
 - Bi-directional nature of collaboration (healthcare \leftrightarrow social services)
 - Systems improvement
 - Community engagement
 - Health equity



More Details on Applications

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How to Apply

- Each team of three individuals will submit one application
- Applications must be submitted through the RWJF online system
- Applicants must follow the instructions and use the templates provided in the RWJF online system
- Fellowship program applications from teams (due **March 13, 2019**)
 - Short individual essays
 - Collaborative statement for the team
 - Research project description related to one of the two themes for the third cohort of IRL
 - Biographical sketches
 - Limited appendices

RWJF Online Application System

<http://my.rwjf.org>

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Funding Opportunities

Interdisciplinary Research Leaders

2019 Call for Applications

Release Date: January 11, 2019 | Application Deadline: Wed, 13 Mar 2019

Purpose

This call for applications (CFA) seeks teams of researchers and community members who are committed to working together to produce community-relevant, action-oriented research to improve health and well-being. The applicant organization (the one group that will accept and distribute RWJF funds) will be represented by the team members listed on its application.

Application Deadline

March 13, 2019, 3:00 p.m. ET

[APPLY ONLINE](#)



MyRWJF Application

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Last auto-saved at 06:27 PM ET on Jan 17, 2019

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ID: 79415 [Print Application](#)

- Home
- Resources
- Invite Contributors
- Cancel My Application

Notice:

Informational Webinar: We will host an informational webinar for interested applicants. For additional information and registration, select "Informational Webinar" (see the "Resources" area on the left).

Instruction:

Welcome to the online application system for the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders program. [See More](#)

Deadline: Mar 13, 2019 03:00 PM ET
54 days remaining

[Submit](#)

Status	Section	Description
<input type="radio"/>	Eligibility Criteria	Review the eligibility criteria and indicate if the applicant organization and all applicant team members meet these conditions.
<input type="radio"/>	Applicant Organization & Tax Verification	Provide information specific to the applicant organization.
<input type="radio"/>	Team Member Contact Information	Provide contact information for the three team members.
<input type="radio"/>	Project Summary	Provide project summary information.
<input type="radio"/>	Project Information Questions	Provide responses to team member and project questions.
<input type="radio"/>	Individual & Team Essays	Provide essays for the proposed project, as well as the individuals on the team..
<input type="radio"/>	Budget Narrative	Provide a detailed budget narrative for the proposed project.
<input type="radio"/>	Supporting Documents	Provide supporting documents for your application.
<input type="radio"/>	Outreach Efforts	As appropriate, please respond to the questions listed.

Application status: Not Started

Last updated on 01/17/2019 by Mandy LaBreche

2019 Timeline

DATE	EVENT
January 11, 2019	Call for applications opens
January 24	Webinar for prospective applicants
March 13, 2019 (3pm ET)	Applications due
March- April	Applications reviewed
April- May	Applicant interviews
	Selection meetings
Mid-June	Finalists selected
September 15, 2019	Official start date- IRL program begins
October, 2019	Required in-person Interdisciplinary Research Leaders meeting (Minneapolis, MN.)
2020 (date TBD)	Required in-person RWJF Cross-Program Annual Leadership Institute meeting (Date & Location TBD)

Questions?

- We will now take questions from webinar participants
- Enter your question by clicking the Q&A feature
- We will sort and select questions of general interest
- Your name and institution will not be identified
- If we don't get to all of the questions today, we will follow up after the webinar with individual responses via email

Applicant Questions

What are the expectations of the community partner?

Applicant Questions

If I am a PhD student, am I eligible to apply as either the research partner or community partner?

Applicant Questions

What is the definition for a mid-career researcher?

Applicant Questions

Other questions?

Thank You

- Thank you for participating today
- This webinar will be archived on the program recruitment website Visit interdisciplinaryresearch-leaders.org
 - Sign up for program updates and funding alerts
 - Link to the call for applications
- Contact us at ResearchLeaders@umn.edu
- Follow us on Twitter @IRLeaders
- Visit our program website: IRLeaders.org



Thank you for participating from all of us at IRL!

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