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Preliminary Application Questions

Please answer the following questions to determine if you are eligible to apply for the RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program:

- 1. Have you completed or will you complete a doctoral degree between January 1, 2005 and July 15, 2010?**
 - Yes
 - No
- 2. Is your doctoral degree in one of the following disciplines: Political Science, Economics or Sociology?**
 - Yes
 - No
- 3. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?**
 - Yes
 - No

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If any of your answers to the above questions are "no", please review our eligibility information at <http://www.healthpolicyscholars.org/sub-eligibility/eligibility.html>

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Please choose an Applicant ID that is at least five characters long and a Password between five and ten characters long. If you already have registered, please [sign in](#).

Applicant ID

Password

Confirm Password

Do not share your Applicant ID.

User Information: All questions require responses unless marked as "optional."

Primary Discipline

Prefix

First Name

M. I. [optional] Last Name

Current Position

Institution

In the fields below, please provide the address, telephone number and email address with which the Program staff may contact you. (Please only provide a P.O. box or mailing address which can receive overnight deliveries.)

Preferred Mailing Address

Preferred Mailing Address Line 2 [optional]

City

State

Country

Zip

Please Select

Is the above a home or office address?

Please Select

Phone

Fax [optional]

Email

Retype Email

Gender

Date of Birth

/ /

Citizenship Status

How did you hear about the RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research (SHPR) Program? (check all that apply)

- From a Colleague (please specify): Alumni Current scholar
 Faculty mentor NAC mentor Department Chair
 Placement Advisor Director of Graduate Studies
- Brochure/postcard Program website RWJF website
 Conference Please specify: _____
 Journal Ad Please specify: _____
 Other

Once you submit this form, you will receive an email confirming your registration for the RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research On-line Application System. This email also will re-state your Applicant ID and Password for future reference.

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To complete and submit an RWJF on-line application, you will need to register (only once) via the "Register" link in the left-hand menu. With this, you will obtain an Applicant ID and Password which enables you to access the on-line application through the "Sign In" menu option.

All applicants must apply on-line through this website. Please be sure that you have reviewed the main RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program website: <http://www.healthpolicyscholars.org> before you proceed.

[register here](#)

Sign In

Applicant ID

Password

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Privacy Statement: The application process requires the submission of personal information. All information collected will be used only for the purpose of evaluating your qualifications for the Program. The information you submit will be available to the RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program staff, the National Advisory Committee for the Program, authorized staff at the universities, Scholars, and contractors authorized by RWJF. No information will be shared or sold to other parties unless required by law or compelled by legal process. This server uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) to protect the security of the information submitted.

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Please complete all of the following sections.

Section	Status
Personal References	complete this first
Education	incomplete
Experience	incomplete
Activities and Publications	incomplete
Personal Statements	incomplete
Writing Sample	incomplete
Sites	incomplete

Please note that you must complete and submit the Personal References section before you can begin working on any other sections

You may change one or more of your references at a later date, but only if the original reference has not already submitted their letter of recommendation. You are able to check on the status of references received for you by returning to look in the personal references section. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that all of your references have been received by the application deadline.

You may complete the rest of the application over multiple sessions by logging in with your Applicant ID and Password. You will be able to save your work, re-enter, revise and continue on to other sections. Once you have completed and saved all of the above sections, the "Final Submission" link will appear on this page. Click this link after you are sure that your application is correct and complete because you will not be able to edit your application after you click the link. Your application is not official unless you click the "Final Submission" link. All applications must be submitted on-line by October 21, 2009 (5:00 PM EDT).

NOTE: All questions require responses, unless marked as "optional."

Important: We recommend that you print out the completed application for your records. The option to print your completed application will be available, once it is submitted.

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Personal References

The RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program requires that applicants supply three letters of recommendation. One of the three references must be your dissertation chair (i.e., the person responsible for supervising your dissertation research) unless you can justify why an exception to this requirement is needed. We suggest you direct your references to the RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program website, <http://www.healthpolicyscholars.org>.

Important: You must complete all three references at the same time. If you are not ready to do so, you may come back and complete this section at a later date. However you may not complete any other sections of your application until this section is submitted. In order to allow your references as much lead time as possible, you should complete and submit this section as soon as possible.

As soon as you submit this section, the references listed below will receive an email directing them to fill out a recommendation letter on-line. Thus, it is critical that the email addresses you provide be correct and current. Applicants will not be able to view the letters of recommendation as part of their on-line Application, nor will they be able to request copies of the letters from the Program. All letters must be received by October 21, 2009 (5:00 PM EDT).

Important: Sometimes legitimate emails are deleted as spam. You should confirm with each of your references that they have received an email from YOUR email address, requesting a recommendation letter after you submit his/her information to us.

Please note that you will be able to change the contact information for references that have not yet been received. Changes to a contact (as identified by their email address) will cause a new request for a recommendation letter to be sent to the newly identified reference person. The original person listed prior to the change will also be contacted by the RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research Program to inform them that they no longer need to submit a recommendation letter for you. Once a letter of recommendation has been received from a reference, however, you will not be able to substitute a different person for that recommendation. You may check the status of letters by returning to this page.

You may also resend a request at any time to a reference. This will generate a new email request to that person. You should use this option when a reference has misplaced or never received the original request. To resend the request simply click on the "resend request" link that will appear next to any reference for whom a recommendation has not yet been received.

All questions require responses unless marked [Optional].

Reference 1

Prefix First Name M. I. [Optional] Last Name

Organization Name

Reference 2**Reference 3**

*In some instances, the filtering systems used by certain institutions block the reference request emails generated by our on-line application system. By supplying a secondary email address for your references, you increase the likelihood that the notification will be received.



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Education	incomplete
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Personal Statements	incomplete
Writing Sample	incomplete
Sites	incomplete

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Education

- Please list your terminal (PhD) degree:** If you have not yet completed a degree, but will by 2010, enter the information below and use your expected graduation year as the end date for your degree. (REQUIRED)

Name of Institution	City, State	Years Attended to	Field of Study	Degree
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- Title of dissertation:**

- Dissertation chair name:**

- Beginning with undergraduate education, list chronologically all schools attended:** (REQUIRED)

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Experience

- Academic, research, and/or professional experience** (if applicable): List up to 10 academic, research and/or professional positions in chronological order without gaps. Begin with the **most recent** experience. Fill in all columns for each experience entered. Descriptions are limited to 250 characters including spaces.

Name of Institution	Position/Title	Dates	Brief Description (< 250 chars including spaces -- optional)
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Activities and Publications

1. **Awards and honors:** List up to five awards and honors you have received in the course of your training or work. (OPTIONAL)

Title of Award	Year(s) Awarded	Brief Description (< 225 characters including spaces)
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2. **Professional memberships:** List up to five memberships in professional associations. Please do not use acronyms. (OPTIONAL)

Name of Association	Dates of Membership
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	to
	to

3. **Publications:** Beginning with your most recent work, list up to 10 scholarly works published in the last three years in journals, books or special monographs including those now in press or under review. Please submit FULL citations that clearly list the order of authorship for each publication. You may cut and paste citations from your CV. Skip a line after each citation. **Please note that this entry box accepts text only and formatting such as bold or italics will not be retained and is not required.** (OPTIONAL)

4. **Page complete:** If you intend to make no entries on this page please check below. Please make sure that you fill in all relevant entries on this page. (REQUIRED IF ALL OTHER ENTRIES ARE BLANK)

I have no entries to submit on this page and this section can be considered complete.

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1. **Dissertation Summary: In 2,100 characters or less (this includes spaces and punctuation), summarize your dissertation research in terms that a broad audience would understand. (REQUIRED)**

0 characters used

2. **Interest in Health Policy Research:** Please describe the reasons why you are interested in adding or substantially expanding health policy research within your research portfolio **at this point in your professional development** (please do **NOT** repeat information about your dissertation that you have already provided). Be sure to include how pursuing research in health policy might help you to accomplish your career goals. Limit your response to 2,100 characters (this includes spaces and punctuation). (REQUIRED)

0 characters used

3. **Intellectual objectives:** Please describe one or more **analytical** questions in health policy that interest you and that you may currently anticipate investigating as a participant in the Program. Explain what analytical perspective you would bring to the analysis and how your approach could enhance the understanding of the issue(s) by health policy specialists, policy makers, and the public. Also, please describe specific ways in which you expect that your analysis could be strengthened by your overall participation in the Program and by incorporating the perspectives of the other two social science disciplines represented in the Program. This essay should **NOT** be a research proposal nor a recitation of your dissertation. Limit your response to 2,100 characters (this includes spaces and punctuation) (REQUIRED)

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Writing Sample


Submit a writing sample that is authored solely by you, and that you consider to be representative of your best writing, research, and analytical abilities. The writing sample *need not* be health-oriented and may be a chapter from a doctoral dissertation, a journal article, a paper currently under journal review or other unpublished work. The document must not exceed the equivalent of 25 double-spaced pages of text in 12 point font. The writing sample must format to 8½" x 11" paper and be **solo-authored**. The sample must be submitted electronically as one file in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format. (REQUIRED).

Important: The only acceptable document format is Adobe Acrobat (PDF). PDF format is required to ensure proper retention of document formatting and figures. Please limit the size of the file to 2MBs or less.

To complete the submission, follow the two steps below.

Step 1. Locate your writing sample on your computer.

Locate the file on your hard drive or other electronic media.

 **TIP:** Save, copy or move the file to a familiar location (e.g., Desktop, My Documents).

Step 2. Upload writing sample.

To upload your document to the RWJF Scholars in Health Policy Research on-line application, select the **Browse** button below to navigate to the document that you located in Step 1. Alternatively, on a PC (but not a Mac), you may type the full path to the document into the text box (e.g. c:/temp/mysample.pdf). Press submit to upload your document.

File Upload Area

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Once you press the submit button, please be patient and wait for the upload to finish as files may take many minutes to upload, depending upon the size of the file and the connection speed. DO NOT PRESS THE SUBMIT BUTTON MULTIPLE TIMES.



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(Required)

- Sites:** All applications will be considered by the three universities currently accepting Scholars. If you wish to limit your choice due to personal or family considerations, please indicate below.

Institution	Site Exclusion
Harvard University	I wish to be considered at this site
UC Berkeley/UCSF	I wish to be considered at this site
University of Michigan	I wish to be considered at this site

- Reason:** Limit to 500 characters including spaces.

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