

# The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

## Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College

The mission of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College (RWJF CHP at MMC) is to provide leadership in health policy education, research, and reform on national, state, and local levels that is congruent with the historic mission of Meharry Medical College, the nation's oldest historically black medical school, to improve the health and healthcare of minority and underserved communities.

### Goals:

1. **Create leadership** at Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University via education and training who are committed to participating in health policy education, research, and reform specific to improving the health and healthcare of minority and underserved communities.
2. **Build research infrastructure** that provide the necessary resources to enable rigorous social science and policy research to be conducted through primary data collection, secondary data analysis, and geographic mapping.
3. **Conduct research** that examines, illuminates, and disseminates information on disparities in health that disproportionately impact minority and underserved communities and the related health policies that may mitigate or perpetuate these disparities.
4. **Develop policy expertise** regarding healthcare planning, healthcare resource allocation, health maintenance, health promotion and health programs, interventions, and strategies specific to health disparities in order to influence policy where appropriate.

### The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program

Vanderbilt University, in collaboration with Meharry Medical College, will accept qualified applicants to the Ph.D. program in the departments of economics, political science and sociology. Applicants will have educational and research interests that include health and health policy and must be citizens of the US or its territories or have permanent resident status. Fellows will earn a doctorate degree from Vanderbilt University and participate in additional coursework, seminars and research activities at Meharry Medical College. Please see [www.meharryhealthpolicy.org](http://www.meharryhealthpolicy.org) for more information regarding this program. Additionally, please go to [www.mmc.edu](http://www.mmc.edu) and [www.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.vanderbilt.edu) to learn more about these institutions.

Accepted Ph.D. candidates will receive a generous five-year funding package which includes:

- **paid tuition**
- **department based stipend of \$17,500 per academic year**
- **supplemental participation stipend of \$10,000 per academic year**
- **summer funding of \$4,500 per summer period; and**
- **health insurance**

To become a RWJF Health Policy Fellow apply online for admission for the 2012 fall semester. Applications must be received no later than January 15, 2012.

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