

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 reform where appropriate.

The RWJF Health Policy Fellows Program in the RWJF CHP at MMC:

The RWJF Health Policy Fellows Program seeks to increase the participation of underrepresented groups throughout the nation in the development, implementation, and analysis of health policy. Vanderbilt University, in collaboration with Meharry Medical College, will accept qualified applicants to the Ph.D. programs in the Departments of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology who have educational and research interests that include health and health policy. Students will earn doctoral degrees from Vanderbilt University while participating in additional coursework, seminars, and research activities at Meharry Medical College. Please see www.mmc.edu and www.vanderbilt.edu for more information regarding the institutions.

The RWJF Health Policy Fellows 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 each summer;**
- **health insurance.**

The application deadline for fall semester 2011 admission is **January 15, 2011**.

All application materials should be submitted online at:

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/gradschool/applications_and_information/index.php.

Please mention in the application "statement of interest" that you wish to be considered for the *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program at Meharry Medical College*.

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