Opportunity Summary:
The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers’ expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. It is recognized that early-career researchers are rarely given incentives or support to take such risks, so this award includes a mentoring component, as well as an emphasis on community and collaboration. Scholars Program applicants should have a track record of conducting high-quality research and an interest in pursuing a significant shift in their trajectories as researchers. The application should make a cohesive argument for how the applicant will expand his or her expertise. Proposed research plans must address questions of policy and practice that are relevant to the Foundation’s focus areas. Researchers interested in applying for Scholars Awards must select one focus area:

- Reducing Inequality: research to build, test, and increase understanding of approaches to reducing inequality in outcomes among youth (ages 5-25)
- Improving the Use of Research Evidence: research to identify, build, and test strategies to ensure that research evidence reaches the hands of decision makers, responds to their needs, and is used to benefit youth (ages 5-25)

The Program seeks research that builds stronger theory and empirical evidence in these two areas, and intends for the research supported to inform change.

Eligibility & Requirements:
- Applicant received his/her terminal degree (e.g., Ph.D., M.D.) within seven years of submitting the application. In medicine, the seven-year maximum is dated from the completion of the first residency.
- Applicants must be employed in career-ladder positions. For many applicants, this means holding a tenure-track position in a university.
- Applicant’s division must be able to guarantee that 50% of applicant’s paid time will be devoted to research.
- The award may not be used as a post-doctoral fellowship.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Summary of research and mentoring plan, including one or more research projects, mentoring activities designed to develop new areas of expertise, and alignment with the Foundation’s priorities (max. 4 pages) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 4 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

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