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. Applicants should have a track record of conducting high-quality research and an interest in pursuing a significant shift in their trajectories as researchers. Awards are based on applicants’ potential to become influential researchers, as well as their plans to expand their expertise in new and significant ways. The application should make a cohesive argument for how the applicant will expand their expertise. The research plan should evolve in conjunction with the development of new expertise, and the mentoring plan should describe how the proposed mentors will support applicants in acquiring that expertise.

The Foundation’s mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. Proposed research plans must address questions that are relevant to policy and practice in one of the Foundation’s focus areas: 1) Reducing inequality in youth outcomes, and 2) Improving the use of research evidence in decisions that affect young people.

Previous JHU grantees: Stephanie DeLuca, PhD (2013)

Eligibility & Requirements:
- Applicants must be nominated by their institutions. Major divisions (e.g., College of Arts and Sciences, Medical School) of an institution may nominate only one applicant each year.
- Applicants of any discipline are eligible.
- Applicants must have received their terminal degree within seven years of submitting their application. We calculate this by adding seven years to the date the doctoral degree was conferred. In medicine, the seven-year maximum is dated from the completion of the first residency.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should complete their application at the following link: https://jhu.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1837481. Requirements are listed below.

1. 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. 3 pages) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 3 pg. text limit)
2. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
3. Budget Summary (max 1. page)

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