

Joan F. Giambalvo Memorial Scholarship

Grantor: American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation/AMA Women Physicians Congress

Closes: 2/20/2012

Maximum: \$10,000.00

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The American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation in association with the AMA Women Physicians Congress (WPC) has established the Joan F. Giambalvo Memorial Scholarship Fund with the goal of advancing the progress of women in the medical profession and strengthening the ability of the AMA to identify and address the needs of women physicians and medical students.

The scholarship funds research on issues affecting female physicians.

Maximum award: \$10,000

Grant information and timeline

Proposals for the 2012 Joan F. Giambalvo Memorial Scholarship are currently being accepted.

Proposals are due at 5 pm Central time on February 20, 2012.

Note: For additional information, please call (312) 464-4743.

Women currently represent approximately 50% of matriculating medical students and 26% of all practicing physicians. This continued increase of women in the profession is believed to be affecting the way medicine is practiced and delivered in the United States. However, there is a lack of empirical studies providing comprehensive and/or reliable data about such phenomenon. As a result, stereotypes, misinformation and unsubstantiated theories about the potential effects of women in the physician workforce are sometimes suggested by the media and others.

For example, are women physicians dropping out of medicine in any significant number? Does/should the number of women practicing part time influence work force requirements over the long haul? While data show that women work fewer hours and see fewer patients, the effects of this on patient care in the short of long term, are less than clear. Some authors have suggested that an increase of women in the physician workforce would improve medicine by encouraging patient-centered care, re-establishing a commitment to team building and leadership, and fostering greater societal equity and less competition.

Research supported by the Joan F. Giambalvo Memorial Scholarship Fund on these and other issues generated by and/or affecting women in medicine is essential to evaluating the impact of women on the medical workforce and providing important baselines for understanding medicine in the 21st century. Such research also will help the AMA to identify and

better serve this important AMA member constituency.

Link: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/our-people/member-groups-sections/women-physicians-congress/about-wpc/joan-f-giambalvo-memorial-scholarship.page>