



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **JOHN JONES SCHOLAR IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESEARCH**

Applications are currently being accepted for the John Jones Scholar in Workers' Compensation Research. The goal of the award is to stimulate interest in workers' compensation research among researchers. The John Jones Scholar will receive a grant of \$10,000. The application deadline is June 1, 2012. The award is expected to be made by August 1, 2012, for the 12 months beginning September 1, 2012.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This award was created by the Workers Compensation Research Institute's (WCRI) Board of Directors to recognize the many important contributions of John Jones, one of the founders of WCRI. As Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Wausau Insurance Companies, Mr. Jones was a WCRI Board member from 1983 through 1998. He served in numerous leadership positions at WCRI, including Chair of the Board of Directors, and helped to shape the success of the Institute in many ways. Throughout his service to WCRI, Mr. Jones has embodied the Institute's core values: the importance of unbiased, credible, practical, and useful public policy research.

#### **ABOUT WCRI:**

The Workers Compensation Research Institute is an independent, not for profit research organization providing high quality, objective information about public policy issues involving workers' compensation systems. The reports and testimony of WCRI act as a catalyst for constructive change in improving workers' compensation systems throughout the U.S. and internationally. In the twenty-seven years since the Institute was organized, WCRI has published over 250 books on a wide variety of important workers' compensation issues. As the Institute's reputation for objectivity has grown, more policy makers are looking to the Institute as a source of information to help them make informed decisions about legislation and administrative change.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

To stimulate interest in workers' compensation research and facilitate creation of important, new, publishable research.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- No experience with workers' compensation research necessary.
- Discipline in economics, law, statistics, public health, public policy, or other social sciences.
- Available to university faculty or graduate students, researchers in government or research organizations, and researchers in private companies or labor organizations.
- May be used for new research projects, to expand the scope of a current research project, for doctoral dissertation support or for a Scholar-in-Residence at WCRI in Cambridge, MA.

**TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST INCLUDE:**

- Medical treatment guidelines
- Return to work
- Benefit adequacy and equity
- Reducing litigation
- Evaluating the design of permanent partial disability systems
- Use and overuse of narcotics

**DATA:**

Scholar-in-Residence may access WCRI's extensive database for his or her research.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Policy significance of the proposed work.
- Feasibility of conducting proposed research within stated timeframes and resources.
- Contribution to knowledge base.
- Likelihood of publication.
- Synergy with other WCRI work.

Applicants proposing to spend time at WCRI offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts, or intending to publish research results as a WCRI report will be given preference. However, this is not a requirement.

**PAST RECIPIENTS:**

Examples of past recipients of the John Jones Scholar Award include:

- Professor Erin Todd Bronchetti, Swarthmore College
- Professor Deirdre McCaughey, Penn State University
- Henry Hyatt, University of California at Berkeley
- Melissa McInerney, University of Maryland
- Professor Alex Mas, University of California at Berkeley
- Professor Alison Morantz, Stanford Law School
- Sue Kim, University of California at Berkeley
- Dr. Steven Atlas, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School
- Dr. Daniel Mont, National Academy of Social Insurance

**QUESTIONS:**

Contact Linda Carrubba at WCRI, 617-661-9274, ext. 245.

**TO APPLY:**

Mail completed application to:

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Cambridge, MA 02139

Send via email to: [lcarrubba@wcrinet.org](mailto:lcarrubba@wcrinet.org)

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**APPLICATION**

**JOHN JONES SCHOLAR  
IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESEARCH**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization/University affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a resume to this application.

Attach a narrative of up to 2 pages describing the following points.

1. Proposed use for the award funds.
2. Significance of the proposed project.
3. Data to be used.
4. Timeframes for length of project.
5. Plans to spend time at WCRI conducting research.
6. Willingness to publish your results as a WCRI report.

Return completed application to:

Mail: Linda Carrubba  
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