

## **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grants \$50,000 to Support Aging Research**

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GAINESVILLE, Fla.—The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the University of Florida Foundation to be used by the Center for Gerontological Studies in support of the Leighton E. Cluff student research program.

Created to increase student interest in aging studies, the Leighton E. Cluff Award for Aging Research honors the best research papers written about older adults and the aging process. Students from all fields of study submit their papers each year to the center, which are reviewed by a faculty committee. A \$1200 prize is given for the best paper in the graduate and professional category and \$600 is given for the best undergraduate writer.

The award was established through a donation from Leighton E. Cluff, professor emeritus in the UF College of Medicine. Cluff is the retired president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest foundation devoted to improving the health and health care of all Americans. The new grant will boost the fund established by Cluff.

“The Center for Gerontological Studies has as one of its primary missions the preparation of students who will be able to address the special challenges associated with a graying America,” says Patricia Kricos, director of the center. “The generous gift provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to supplement the Cluff Award ensures that today's university students will be encouraged to prepare to meet the future needs of older Americans.”