Grant Title: MENTAL HEALTH DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT TO INCREASE DIVERSITY (R36)

Funding Opportunity Number: Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-09-132. CFDA Number(s): 93.242.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Area of Research: Increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce.


Application Deadline: Application Due Date(s): May 8, 2009; August 24, 2009; December 22, 2009; April 22, 2010; August 24, 2010; December 22, 2010; April 22, 2011; August 24, 2011; December 22, 2011 (including resubmissions). Letters of Intent Receipt Date: 30 days prior to Application Due Date.

Amount: Total allowable costs per year are the current fiscal year National Research Service Award (NRSA) predoctoral stipend level (http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm#policy) and up to $15,000 for additional research expenses fringe benefits (including health insurance for self and family members), travel to scientific meetings, and research costs of the dissertation in accordance with institutional policies.

Length of Support: Up to two years.

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: The primary objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), is to increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce by stimulating and supporting dissertation research. Dissertation research involves a major investment of the doctoral student's time, energy, and interest and its substance is often the basis for launching a research career. Lack of financial support during this phase of training can delay completion of the dissertation project. The Mental Health Dissertation Research grant will provide full-time salary support and modest research funds for up to two years for eligible students to facilitate completion of their doctoral research project and dissertation in a research area relevant to the NIMH mission and research priorities. These awards are available to all qualified predoctoral students in accredited research doctoral programs in the United States (including Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories or possessions). Eligible students must have the goal of becoming successful investigators in areas of biomedical or behavioral science relevant to the mission of the NIMH.