

Grant Title: RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL PREDOCTORAL FELLOWS (F31)

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Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS).

Area of Research: To provide support for promising doctoral candidates who will be performing dissertation research and training in scientific health-related fields.

Release and Expiration: Release Date: June 12, 2009. Expiration Date: September 8, 2012.

Application Deadline: April 8, August 8, December 8, annually.

Amount: Stipends: A subsistence allowance is provided to help defray living expenses during the research training experience. NIH will provide an amount per individual fellow equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to \$16,000 per year for individuals enrolled in a doctoral degree program and up to \$21,000 per year for those individuals enrolled in a dual degree (e.g. M.D./Ph.D.) program. The institutional allowance category includes health insurance as an allowable expense. Predoctoral fellows will receive an institutional allowance of \$4,200 per 12-month period to nonfederal or nonprofit sponsoring institutions.

Length of Support: Project period normally may not exceed 5 years, and is often limited to 2-3 years.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States, or have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree and must be enrolled in a Ph.D. or equivalent research degree program, a formally combined M.D./Ph.D. program, or another combined professional doctoral/research Ph.D. graduate program in the biomedical, behavioral, health services, or clinical sciences. Applicants must be at the dissertation research stage of their doctoral training. Applicants must also show evidence of both high academic performance in the sciences and substantial interest in areas of high priority to the participating Institutes.

Summary: The objective of Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards programs is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists are available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to address the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. The purpose of the predoctoral fellowship (F31) award is to provide support for promising doctoral candidates who will be performing dissertation research and training in scientific health-related fields during the tenure of the award. The Kirschstein-NRSA for Individual Predoctoral Fellows will provide up to five years of support for research training which leads to the PhD or equivalent research degree, the combined MD/PhD degree, or another formally combined professional degree and research doctoral degree in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences. Applicants for the Kirschstein-NRSA F31 award must propose a dissertation research project and training program that fall in a research area within the scientific mission of the participating Institutes. The proposed predoctoral research training must offer an opportunity to enhance the fellow's understanding of the health-related sciences and extend his/her potential for a productive, independent research career. The training should provide the applicant with the opportunity to interact with members of the scientific community at appropriate scientific meetings and workshops (including NIH-sponsored meetings, where available). The application should document the need for the proposed research training and the expected value of the proposed fellowship experience as it relates to the individual's goals for a career as an independent researcher.

Detail Information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-208.html>

