

Grant Title: RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS (F31) TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH

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Agency/Department: National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Area of Research: Improve the diversity of the health-related research workforce.

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

Amount: Ruth L. Kirschstein-NRSA F31 awards provide stipends to predoctoral fellows as a subsistence allowance to help defray living expenses during the research training experience. The NIH will contribute to the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate in place at the time of award. Currently, the 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. MD/PhD) program. Tuition, for the purposes of this policy, means the combined costs of tuition and fees. NIH will currently provide an institutional allowance of up to \$3,100 for F31 fellows sponsored by Federal or for-profit institutions for expenses associated with travel to scientific meetings, health insurance, and books.

Length of Support: Up to five years.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions are encouraged to identify Fellowship Applicants who will increase diversity on a national or institutional basis.

Summary: The purpose of this individual predoctoral research training fellowship is to improve the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting the training of predoctoral students from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented. Such candidates include individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. These fellowships will enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral, health services, and clinical research labor force in the United States by providing opportunities for academic institutions to identify and recruit students from diverse population groups to seek graduate degrees in health-related research and apply for this fellowship. The goal of this program is to increase the number of scientists from diverse population groups who are prepared to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, clinical, or health services research. The NIH recognizes a unique and compelling need to promote diversity in the biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences research workforce. The NIH expects that efforts to diversify the workforce to lead to: (a) the recruitment of the most talented researchers from all groups; (b) an improvement in the quality of the educational and training environment; (c) a balanced perspective in setting research priorities; (d) an improved capacity to recruit subjects from diverse backgrounds into clinical research protocols; (e) an improved capacity to address and eliminate health disparities. Accordingly, the NIH continues to encourage institutions to diversify their student and faculty populations and thus to increase the participation of individuals currently underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences. This announcement seeks to stimulate the participation of individuals from the following groups: individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups; individuals with disabilities; and individuals from socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds that have inhibited their ability to pursue a career in health-related research.

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