Grant Title: BRIDGES TO THE DOCTORATE PROGRAM (R25)

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-11-279. CFDA Number(s): 93.859.

Agency/Department: National Institutes of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS).

Area of Research: Increase the pool of master's degree students from groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences who go on to research careers in these fields.

Release and Expiration: Release Date: July 26, 2011. Expiration Date: Updated to September 26, 2011. Previously was September 8, 2012.

Application Deadline: November 1, 2011. Was previously September 25, 2011.

Amount: The total amount to be awarded is approximately $3.0 million (total costs) per year for new and renewal applications for Bridges to the Doctorate program. Application budgets are not limited, but need to reflect actual needs of the proposed project.

Length of Support: The total project period for an application submitted in response to this FOA may not exceed 5 years.

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

Summary: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Education Grant (R25) applications from institutions that propose to increase the pool of masters degree students from underrepresented backgrounds who go on to research careers in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, and who are trained and available to participate in NIH-funded research. This initiative promotes partnerships/consortia between colleges or universities granting a terminal masters degree with institutions that offer the doctorate degree. The program expects that the joint efforts of doctorate degree-granting and masters degree-granting institutions will foster the development of a well-integrated institutional program that will provide students from underrepresented groups with the necessary academic preparation and skills to enable their transition and successful completion of the Ph.D. degree in biomedical and behavioral sciences.

Detail Information: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-279.html