Grant Title: RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS (NRSA) FOR INDIVIDUAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS (PARENT F32)

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Area of Research: Support to promising Fellowship Applicants with the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields relevant to the missions of participating NIH Institutes and Centers.


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

Amount: Annual stipend: Up to $52,068 dependent upon years of experience. Tuition and fees: NIH will provide an amount per individual fellow equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to $4,500 per year. If the program supports postdoctoral individuals in a formal degree-granting training program, the amount provided per fellow enrolled in a degree-granting program will be up to $16,000 per year. Costs associated with tuition and fees are allowable only if they are required for specific courses in support of the research training experience supported by the fellowship. Postdoctoral fellows sponsored by nonfederal or nonprofit institutions (domestic or foreign) will receive an institutional allowance of $7,850 per 12-month period.

Length of Support: Individuals may receive up to 3 years of aggregate Kirschstein-NRSA support at the postdoctoral level.

Eligible Applicants: Before a Ruth L. Kirschstein-NRSA postdoctoral fellowship award can be activated, the individual must have received a PhD, MD, DO, DC, DDS, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, Dr PH, DNSc, ND (Doctor of Naturopathy), PharmD, DSW, PsyD, or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution.

Summary: The overall goal of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs. The purpose of the postdoctoral fellowship (F32) award is to provide support to promising postdoctoral applicants who have the potential to become productive and successful independent research investigators. The proposed postdoctoral training must offer an opportunity to enhance the applicant's understanding of the health-related sciences, and must be within the broad scope of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research or other specific disciplines relevant to the research mission of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. Applicants with a health professional doctoral degree may use the proposed postdoctoral training to satisfy a portion of the degree requirements for a master's degree, a research doctoral degree or any other advanced research degree program.