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Area of Research: Fellowships to experienced scientists who wish to make major changes in the direction of their research careers or who wish to broaden their scientific background.


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

Amount: The amount of the stipend are individually determined and are based on the salary or remuneration from the home institution on the date of award. Relevant experience may include research, teaching, internship, residency, clinical duties, or other time spent in full-time studies in a health-related field beyond that of the qualifying doctoral degree. The NIH will contribute to the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate in place at the time of award. Currently, equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to $4,500 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. Senior fellows sponsored by nonfederal or nonprofit institutions (domestic or foreign) will receive an institutional allowance of $7,850 per 12-month period to help defray expenses for the individual fellow such as research supplies, equipment, travel to scientific meetings, and health insurance.

Length of Support: Senior fellowship (F33) support may typically be requested for a period of up to 2 years.

Eligible Applicants: By the time of award, the individual must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (i.e., possess a currently valid Permanent Resident Card USCIS Form I-551, or other legal verification of such status). The individual must have had at least 7 subsequent years of relevant research or professional experience and will have established an independent research career.

Summary: The purpose of the senior fellowship (F33) award is to provide senior fellowship support to experienced scientists who wish to make major changes in the direction of their research careers or who wish to broaden their scientific background by acquiring new research capabilities as independent research investigators in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. Senior fellowship applicants for the F33 award must include a research training proposal that offers an opportunity for individuals to broaden their scientific background or to extend their potential for research in health-related areas as independent researchers. These awards will enable individuals with at least seven years of research experience beyond the doctorate (individuals with PhD, MD, OD, associate professors, full professors, etc.), and who have progressed to the stage of independent investigator, to take time from regular professional responsibilities for the purpose of receiving training to increase their scientific capabilities. In most cases, this award is used to support sabbatical experiences for established independent scientists seeking support for retraining or additional career development. This program is not designed for postdoctoral level investigators seeking to enhance their research experience prior to independence.