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

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


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: Individuals may receive up to 5 years of aggregate Kirschstein-NRSA support at the predoctoral level, including any combination of support from institutional training grants (e.g., T32) and an individual fellowship award. Fellowship awards are 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 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 and show evidence of high academic performance in the sciences and substantial interest in areas of high priority to the participating Institutes.

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 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 relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes during the tenure of the award. 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.