Grant Title: MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH DISSERTATION GRANT TO INCREASE DIVERSITY (R36)

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-12-103. CFDA Number(s): 93.242.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Area of Research: Increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce.


Amount: Total allowable costs per year are the current fiscal year National Research Service Award (NRSA) predoctoral stipend level (http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm#policy) and up to $15,000 for additional expenses such as fringe benefits (including health insurance for self and family members), travel to scientific meetings, and research costs of the dissertation in accordance with institutional policies. With the exception of costs associated with the dissertation (i.e., dissertation credits), no funds may be used to pay tuition or fees. Other specific costs not allowed on dissertation research grants are equipment, alterations/renovations, space rental, contracting or consortium costs, dissertation defense or deposit fees, membership fees and faculty/advisor mentor supervision. This listing is not exhaustive, and the applicant institution should contact NIMH staff regarding any other cost item being considered. F&A costs are limited to 8% of the modified total direct costs for this program.

Length of Support: The total award project period may not exceed two years, but must be no less than 12 months.

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

Summary: The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), is to increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce by providing dissertation awards in all areas of research within the strategic priorities of the NIMH to individuals from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in mental health research to support the completion of the doctoral research project. The Mental Health Dissertation Research Grant to Increase Diversity allows for budget requests to cover full-time salary support and modest research funds for up to two years, but no less than 12 months, for eligible students to facilitate completion of their doctoral research project and dissertation in a research area relevant to the NIMH mission and strategic research priorities. These awards are available to predoctoral students who are enrolled in good standing at accredited domestic or foreign institutions and who have an approved dissertation proposal at the time of the award. Applicants must have the goal of becoming successful researchers in areas of biomedical or behavioral science relevant to the mission of the NIMH.