Fellowship Opportunities Supported by NIEHS

The mission of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences is to discover how the environment affects people in order to promote healthier lives.

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About NIEHS

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is one of 27 research institutes and centers that comprise the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

In addition to the intramural and extramural research programs, the NIEHS is home to the National Toxicology Program (NTP) (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov), and the institute publishes its own scientific journal, Environmental Health Perspectives (http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/).

For more information about the NIEHS, please visit http://niehs.nih.gov.
NIEHS NRSA Fellowships

NIEHS offers a variety of Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Fellowships. These fellowship awards support full-time research training for predoctoral and postdoctoral students and experienced scientists wishing to broaden their scientific background. Fellowships provide:

- An annual stipend
- An allowance for tuition and fees
- Funds for training-related expenses

NRSA Fellowships supported by NIEHS are expected to focus on environmental health sciences and be responsive to the mission of NIEHS.

Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or lawful permanent residents.

The applicant must identify a sponsoring institution and an individual who will serve as a sponsor/mentor and who will supervise the training and research experience.

The applicant’s sponsor should be an active investigator in the area of the proposed research. Both the applicant and the sponsor should work together in preparing the application.
Support Mechanisms

Individual M.D./Ph.D. Predoctoral Fellowships (F30)

The F30 fellowship provides up to six years of support for students working on their combined M.D./Ph.D. degree with the potential to become productive, independent physician-scientists and patient-oriented researchers. Applicants must be enrolled in a formally combined M.D./Ph.D. program and propose to pursue research in clinical or basic environmental health sciences.

http://go.usa.gov/fSB

Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity (F31)

The F31 fellowship provides up to five years of support for research training leading to a Ph.D. or equivalent research degree in the biomedical, behavioral, health, or clinical sciences.

This fellowship seeks to improve the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting individuals from under-represented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

http://go.usa.gov/fSK
Individual Postdoctoral Fellowships (F32)

The F32 fellowship provides support for up to three years for promising postdoctoral students who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators within the broad scope of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research. Before the postdoctoral fellowship award can be activated, the individual must have received the Ph.D. (or equivalent research degree), or a professional degree such as the MD, DVM, etc. For those who have a health professional degree, the proposed training may be used to satisfy a portion of the degree requirements for a master’s degree, a doctoral degree or other advanced research degree program.

http://go.usa.gov/fSk

Individual Senior Fellowships (F33)

The F33 fellowship provides up to two years of support for experienced scientists, with at least seven years of research experience beyond their doctorate, who wish to make major changes in the direction of their research careers or broaden their scientific background by acquiring new research capabilities in the environmental health sciences.

http://go.usa.gov/fS8
How to Apply

Applications are submitted online through Grants.gov. The time between receipt of an application and funding is approximately 6-9 months.

Applicants will need to provide:

• A project summary/abstract

• A tailored research training plan including:
  – A description of the research plan
  – A description of a coordinated, individualized training plan

• Letters of recommendation from sponsor(s)

• Transcripts and standardized test scores

• At least three letters of reference

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