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

See http://go.usa.gov/za83 for more details.

**Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (F31)**

The F31 fellowship provides up to five years of support for research training leading to a Ph.D. or equivalent research degree, a combined M.D.-Ph.D., or another formally combined professional degree and research doctoral degree in the biomedical, behavioral, health, or clinical sciences.

Applicants must be at the dissertation research stage of their training at the time of the award.

See http://go.usa.gov/za89 for more details.

**Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity (F31)**

The F31 fellowship to promote diversity 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 underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

See http://go.usa.gov/za9Y for more details.
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 a Ph.D. or equivalent research degree, or a professional degree, such as an M.D., D.V.M., 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, doctoral, or other advanced research degree.

See http://go.usa.gov/za9Q for more details.

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.

See http://go.usa.gov/zaX5 for more details.
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, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to in-house and grantee research programs, NIEHS is home to the National Toxicology Program. The institute also publishes a scientific journal, Environmental Health Perspectives.

For more information about NIEHS, visit www.niehs.nih.gov.
How to Apply

Applications are submitted online through www.grants.gov.

The time between receipt of an application and funding is approximately 6-9 months.

Applicants will need to provide:

• A project summary

• 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)/mentor(s)

• Transcripts and standardized test scores

• At least three letters of reference

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