NIEHS Diversity Funding Opportunities

**NIEHS Workforce Diversity Supplements**

NIEHS is committed to ensuring a diverse environmental health science workforce. Workforce Diversity Supplements are one way we help grantees recruit and train people who are typically underrepresented in the environmental health science field, or who are re-entering the workforce after taking time off for personal reasons.

**What is the funding opportunity announcement for this supplement?**


**Who can apply?**

Principal investigators with active NIEHS research grants who have at least two years or more of funding remaining are eligible to apply.

**What can funds be used for?**

Diversity supplement funding can be used to cover the costs of providing laboratory experiences to a wide array of individuals, including high school students, science teachers, undergraduate students in health-related sciences, underrepresented minorities, persons with disabilities, and scientists re-entering the workforce after taking time off for family responsibilities.

**What are the submission deadlines?**

NIEHS reviews diversity supplement applications once a month to ensure that individuals can get funding as soon as possible.

**Are there restrictions?**

Individuals may receive support under these programs for only one grant at any time; however, someone may be supported by more than one grant during their research career.

A research grant may only have one supplement award at a time in most cases.

**How Long Can Individuals Be Supported by Diversity Supplements?**

- High School Students and Undergraduates: One year (but can be extended) (12 months+)
- Predoctoral: Up to three years (36 months)
- Postdoctoral: Up to two years (24 months)
- Investigator: Up to two years (24 months)

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**Resources**

Please take a few moments to review and respond to the NIH Request for Information: **Inviting Comments and Suggestions to Advance and Strengthen Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Biomedical Research Workforce and Advance Health Disparities and Health Equity Research**. The comment period closes April 9, 2021. You can access the notice here: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-066.html
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Parent F31-Diversity)
https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/fellowships/F31

This program enhances the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting the research training of predoctoral students from population groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research workforce.

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NIH Blueprint Diversity Specialized Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience (D-SPAN) Award (F99/K00)
https://neuroscienceblueprint.nih.gov/training/nih-blueprint-d-span-award-f99k00

This award supports a defined pathway across career stages for outstanding graduate students who are from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in neuroscience research.

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Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH)

The NARCH program supports opportunities for conducting research and career enrichment to meet health needs prioritized by American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes or tribally based organizations. The program aims to encourage research capacity and infrastructure building within AI/AN communities to provide the framework for sustainability of research within the tribal communities. Grantees will work to enhance health research partnerships while promoting a cadre of scientists and health research professionals interested in AI/AN health research from within and outside the AI/AN communities.

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Support for Research Excellence (SuRE) Program

SuRE is a research capacity-building program designed to develop and sustain research excellence in higher education institutions that receive limited NIH research support and serve students who are underrepresented in biomedical research. Eligible institutions include, but are not limited to, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, and Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions. SuRE-First awards will support investigators at the beginning of their research careers who have not had any prior externally funded research grants.

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NIH recently launched a webpage highlighting efforts aimed at Ending Structural Racism. Please check this site for upcoming funding opportunities related to both health disparities research, as well as increasing the diversity of our biomedical workforce.

For more information on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, go to www.niehs.nih.gov.