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Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)

(Predoctoral Students)

F31 – Program Announcement (PA-14-147)

The purpose of the Kirschstein-NRSA predoctoral fellowship (F31) award is to enable promising predoctoral students to obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting dissertation research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The proposed mentored research training must reflect the applicant's dissertation research project and is expected to clearly enhance the individual's potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist. The training plan should document the need for, and the anticipated value of, the proposed mentored research and training in relationship to the individual's research career goals. The training plan should also facilitate the fellow's transition to the next stage of his/her research career.

Who is eligible? The applicant must be at the dissertation research stage of training at the time of award and must show evidence of high academic performance in the sciences, and commitment to a career as an independent research scientist.

The applicant must have a baccalaureate degree and be currently enrolled in a PhD or equivalent research degree program (e.g., EngD, DNSc, DrPH, DSW, PharmD, ScD), a formally combined MD/PhD program, or other combined professional/clinical and research doctoral program (e.g., DDS/PhD) in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences at a domestic or foreign institution. The Kirschstein-NRSA F31 may not be used to support studies leading to the MD, DDS, or other clinical, health-professional degree (e.g., DC, DMD, DNP, DO, DPM, DVM, ND, OD, AuD).

Students matriculated in a dual-degree program (e.g. MD/PhD, DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, or DVM/PhD) who seek support for **both** dissertation research training and clinical training are not eligible for this Kirschstein-NRSA F31 program because this F31 program does not support the clinical training component of a dual-degree program.

By the time of award, the individual must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (i.e., possess a currently valid Permanent Resident Card USCIS Form I-551, or other legal verification of such status).

The opportunities? Full-time research training

Duration 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. This F31 award only supports dissertation research training.

Where? At U.S. institutions (and foreign institutions if well justified)

Applications due? April 8, August 8, December 8 – new and resubmission applications; AIDS and AIDS-Related Applications due May 7, September 7, January 7

Allowable Costs: This F31 award provides a stipend, funds towards tuition and fees, and an Institutional Allowance which can be used to help defray fellowship expenses such as health insurance, research supplies, equipment, books, and travel to scientific meetings. See [NOT-OD-14-046](#) for details.

How to apply: Applications submitted in response to this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Federal assistance must

be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](#) using the [SF 424 Research and Related \(R&R\) forms and the SF 424 \(R&R\) Individual Fellowship Application Guide for use by NIH and AHRQ applicants](#).

Page Limitations: All page limitations described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide and the [Table Of Page Limits](#) must be followed.

Letters of Reference: Applicants must carefully follow the SF424 (R&R) Individual Fellowship Application Guide, **including the time period for when letters of reference will be accepted (letters are due by the application due date as described in the [Notice](#))**. It is important to note that neither the sponsor nor any co-sponsor of this application can be counted as a confidential reference. The sponsor/cosponsor's recommendation is included as part of the application. Applications lacking the appropriate required reference letters will not be reviewed. This is a separate process from submitting an application electronically. Reference letters are submitted directly through the [eRA Commons Submit Reference Letter link](#) and not through Grants.gov.

Resources for F31 Candidates:

The NHLBI Website also lists training programs under the category [Request for Applications/Proposals & Program Announcements](#) with the application receipt date.

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