

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows (F32)

### **PURPOSE**

To provide postdoctoral candidates with supervised basic cancer research experience in order to become productive, independent investigators. Under the guidance of a sponsor or mentor, the F32 is designed to help a postdoctoral individual receive the combined didactic and supervised research experiences needed to become well trained in any field within the biomedical, behavioral, and population sciences.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

**Degree Type:** basic scientists, M.D., or Ph.D.

**Award Type:** individual

**Career Stage:** mentored postdoc or junior faculty

**Other:**

- Candidates must:
  - Be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents of the United States at the time of award (see [program announcement](#) for definition on non-citizen nationals)
  - Identify a sponsoring institution and an individual who will serve as sponsor/mentor
  - Pursue their research training on a full-time basis, devoting at least 40 hours per week to the training program

### **FUNDING**

Period of Support: Up to 3 years, not renewable

Direct Cost Max/Year: \$56,300

- Trainee stipends (FY2004): \$35,568 to \$51,036 based on years of relevant experience (teaching, internship, residency, clinical duties, studies in a health related field, and research in industry)
- Institutional Allowance (FY2003) (research supplies, equipment, health insurance, travel)
- Non-Federal public and private institutions: \$5,500 per year
- Federal and for-profit institutions: \$4,400 per year
- Tuition and fees

Most recent stipend rates: <http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm>

### **DETAILS**

The proposed postdoctoral training must be within the broad scope of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research, and must offer an opportunity to enhance the fellow's understanding of the health related sciences and extend his/her potential for a productive research career.

Fellowship awardees are required to pursue their research training on a full-time basis, devoting at least 40 hours per week to the training program. Research clinicians must devote full-time to their proposed research training and must restrict clinical duties within their full-time research training experience to activities that are directly related to the research training experience. A Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) fellowship (F32) may not be used to support studies leading to the M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M., or other similar health professional degrees. Neither may these awards be used to support the clinical years of residency training.

The postdoctoral fellow is the applicant on the application and award, and must participate in the planning of the research project proposed. Candidates must devote no less than 40 hours a week to this training experience. The NRSA's are the most traditional forms of support for training postdoctoral candidates and are governed by legislative language of the Congress. This language limits a postdoc to no more than 3 years of support on any kind of NRSA award. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents.

There must be a sponsoring institution/facility for the candidate. Recipients may receive their training at a domestic or foreign institution, in industry, or in a Federal government research facility. The F32 award is made directly to the applicant and not to a sponsoring institution, when working at a Federal facility or

foreign institution. There is a required payback of a service obligation of 1 month for each month of support during the first 12 months of support. The 13th and subsequent months of support are acceptable payback service.

This award is not renewable.

#### **REVIEW CRITERIA**

- Candidate's previous academic and research performance
- Candidate's potential to become an important contributor to biomedical, behavioral, or clinical science
- Quality of the training environment
- Qualifications of the sponsor as a mentor for the proposed research training experience
- Merit of the scientific proposal
- Relationship of the scientific proposal to the candidate's career plans
- Value of the proposed fellowship experience as it relates to the candidate's needs in preparation for a career as an independent cancer researcher

#### **DATES TO APPLY**

NEW APPLICATION RECEIPT DATES	INITIAL REVIEW DATES	NCAB REVIEW DATES
April 5	May/June	September/October
August 5	October/November	January/February
December 5	February/March	May/June

#### **APPLICATION FORMS**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm#training>

#### **PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT (PA-03-067)**

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-067.html>

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Stipend Increase

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-04-023.html>

National Research Service Award for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows (Basic Scientists, Ph.D.s)

<http://cancertraining.nci.nih.gov/research/basicphd/f32.html>

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