

NIH National Research Award (NRSA) Fellowships

OSR-Evanston Quarterly Network

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What are NRSAs?

- Designed to train individuals to conduct research and to prepare for independent research careers
- Overseen by mentor/sponsor
- F30 – Predoctoral MD/PhD or Other Dual-Doctoral Degree
- F31 – Predoctoral Fellowship
- F31 – Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research
- F32 – Postdoctoral Fellowship
- F33 – Individual Senior Fellowship
- Make sure to use the appropriate announcement when preparing application



NRSAs

- Upcoming Deadlines

F Series Fellowships <i>new, renewal, resubmission</i>	Individual National Research Service Awards (Standard) (see NRSA Training Page)	SF424 (R&R)	April 8	August 8	December 8
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F30, F31, F32, F33

F31 Diversity Fellowships <i>new, renewal, resubmission</i>	Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (F31) to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (see NRSA Training Page)	SF424 (R&R)	April 13	August 13	December 13
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F31 Diversity

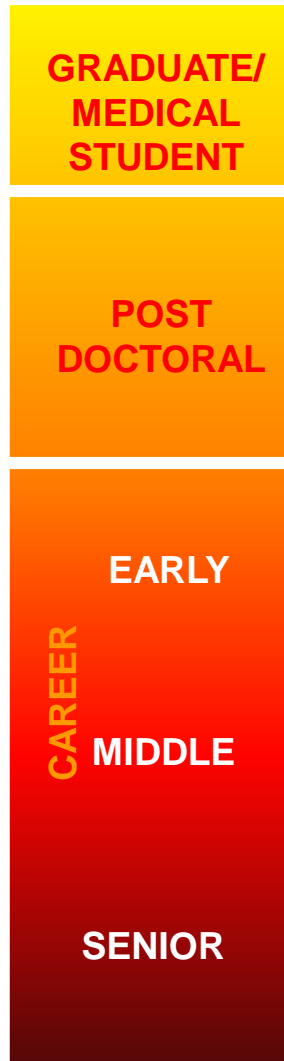
December 13th is a Saturday so the deadline will be Monday, December 15th



Training and Career Development Timetable

Approx. Stage of Research Training and Development

Mechanism of Support



- ← Predoctoral Institutional Training Grant (T32)
- ← **Predoctoral Individual NRSA (F31)**
- ← **Predoctoral Individual MD/PhD NRSA (F30)**
- ← Postdoctoral Institutional Training Grant (T32)
- ← **Postdoctoral Individual NRSA (F32)**
- ← NIH Pathway to Independence (PI) Award (K99/R00)
- ← Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)
- ← Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08)
- ← Mentored Patient-Oriented RCDA (K23)
- ← Mentored Quantitative RCDA (K25)
- ← **Independent Scientist Award (K02)**
- ← **Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research (K24)**
- ← **Senior Scientist Award (K05)**

Small Grant (R03)

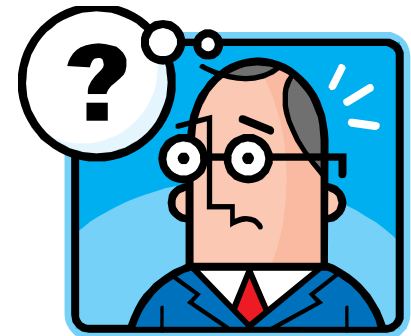
Research Project Grant (R01)

Exploratory/Development Grant (R21)



Eligibility & Applicant Approach

- Eligibility
 - By the time of the award, the applicant must provide proof of citizenship or equivalent
- Is the applicant already at Northwestern?
 - Yes (more common!)
 - S2S proposal
 - No
 - Non S2S proposal
- Don't forget FCOI disclosures!



Overview of Required Elements

- All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Fellowship Application Guide must be followed, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation

Cover Letter

Project/Performance Site Locations

Other Project Information

Senior/Key Personnel Profile

PHS Fellowship Supplemental Form

Additional Information

Sponsor/Co-Sponsor Information

Appendix

*Planned Enrollment Report

*Cumulative Inclusion Enrollment Report
Letters of Reference

- F30, F31, F32 & F33 – solicitation specific guidelines
 - Guidelines differ in Other Project Information section
- F31 Diversity – solicitation specific guidelines
 - For F31, eligibility letter should be signed by department chair, but no need for OSR to sign/countersign



Budget

- Budgeting
 - Stipend levels based on program guidelines
 - Tuition calculation
 - (1) Base the tuition rate on the approximate first quarter of the proposal
 - (2) Use a blended rate based on the actual planned start date
- Budget Entry in InfoEd
 - You have to enter some budget information twice
 - The total of tuition, stipend, and allowance should be entered on the “restricted budget” line in the PD summary budget tab
- Budget periods (e.g., 1-6 years) vary depending on mechanism, refer to solicitation/PA



Cover Letter

- Required – not optional!
- Must contain list of 3 referees
- Must include basic info:
 - Name
 - Department affiliation
 - Institution
 - Degrees
- Should also contain:
 - Application title
 - Request of assignment
 - Funding Opportunity (PA or RFA) title



Biographical Sketches

- Not your standard NIH-style bio!
- Page limitation the same
- Senior fellowship applicants use traditional template
- Specific template to follow for the applicant, similar to the traditional format
 - A. Personal Statement
 - B. Positions and Honors
 - C. Selected Publications and Patent Citations
 - D. Scholastic Performance



Highlights

- Letters of Reference
 - Required for all F series
 - Submitted by the referee via eRA Commons
- TGS resources for NRSA applicants
 - TGS provides proposal writing workshops which can be helpful for applicants submitting their first proposal
- eRA Commons
 - Fellowship applicants are required to register with eRA Commons
- Reminders
 - Deadlines to OSR
 - Remind the applicant to review the application in Commons after it has been submitted



Questions?

