NIH National Research Award (NRSA) Fellowships

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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

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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

- **Graduate/Medical Student**
  - Predoctoral Institutional Training Grant (T32)
  - Predoctoral Individual NRSA (F31)
  - Predoctoral Individual MD/PhD NRSA (F30)

- **Postdoctoral**
  - Postdoctoral Institutional Training Grant (T32)
  - Postdoctoral Individual NRSA (F32)
  - MIDCAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD IN PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH (K24)
  - NIH PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE (PI) AWARD (K99/R00)

- **Early**
  - Independent Scientist Award (K02)
  - Exploratory/Developmental Grant (R21)
  - Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)

- **Middle**
  - Senior Scientist Award (K05)
  - Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08)
  - Mentored Patient-Oriented RCDA (K23)
  - Mentored Quantitative RCDA (K25)

- **Senior**
  - Small Grant (R03)
  - Research Project Grant (R01)
  - Mentored Patient-Oriented RCDA (K23)
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?