

Title: RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL PREDOCTORAL FELLOWS (F31)

Application Deadlines: April 5, August 5, and December 5 annually; May 1, September 1, and January 2 annually for AIDS Related Applications.

Expiration Date: November 1, 2006

Scope of Support: Annual stipend; allowance for tuition, fees, & health insurance; and an annual institutional allowance.

Length of Support: Up to 5 years.

Eligible Applicants: For-profit or non-profit organizations; public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories; units of State and local governments; eligible agencies and labs of the Federal government including NIH intermural labs; and domestic or foreign agencies.

Agency/ Department: National Institutes of Health: NINDS, NIAAA, NIBIB, NIDCD, NIDA, NIMH.

Summary: This program will provide predoctoral training support for doctoral candidates who have successfully completed their comprehensive examination or the equivalent by the time of award and will be performing dissertation research and training. The applicant should provide evidence of potential for a productive research career based upon the quality of previous research training and academic record. The applicant must propose a dissertation research project and training program which falls into a research area within the scientific mission of the identified Institute. The research training experience must enhance the applicant's conceptualization of research problems and research skills, under the guidance and supervision of a committed mentor who is an active and established investigator in the area of the applicant's proposed research. The research training program should be carried out in a research environment that includes appropriate human and technical resources and is demonstrably committed to the research training of the applicant in the program he/she proposes in the application.

Each Institute has a unique scientific purview and different program goals and initiatives that evolve over time. It is critical that all applicants consult the appropriate Institute website and office prior to submitting an application. 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.

Detailed Information: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-032.html>