

**Title:** RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL PREDOCTORAL MD/PhD FELLOWS (F30)

**Application Deadlines:** January 10, May 10, September 10 annually

**Expiration Date:** September 2, 2008

**Scope of Support:** The number of awards funded and amount of funding awarded is dependent upon the number of meritorious applications received.

**Length of Support:** Up to 6 years at the predoctoral level. Training beyond the 6-year limit may be possible under rare and exceptional circumstances, but a waiver from the NIH-awarding component is required.

**Eligible Applicants:** Domestic institutions/organizations; for-profit or non-profit organizations; public or private institutions such as universities, colleges, hospital, and laboratories; and eligible agencies of the Federal government including NIH intramural laboratories.

**Agency/ Department:** National Institutes of Health: NIA, NIAAA, NIDCD, NIDA, NIEHS, NIMH, NINDS, ODS.

**Summary:** This funding opportunity supports individual predoctoral fellowships with the expectation that these training opportunities will increase the number of future investigators in basic, transitional, and clinical research who are physician scientists. Each Institute and Center 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 representative to obtain current information about unique program priorities and policies.

The research training experience must provide: a strong foundation in research design, methods, and analytic techniques; the development or enhancement of the applicant's ability to conceptualize and think through research problems with increasing independence; experience in conducting, presenting, and publishing independent research; the opportunity to interact with members of the scientific community at meetings and workshops (including NIH-sponsored meetings); and a well-conceived career plan to increase the applicant's ability to secure federal support for his/her research. The applicant's experience should be guided and supervised by a committed sponsor who is an active and established investigator in the area of the applicant's proposed research. The research training should occur in a research-intensive environment that has appropriate human and technical resources and that is demonstrably committed to research training in the particular program proposed by the applicant.

**Detailed Information:** <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-151.html>