Title: RESEARCH SUPPLEMENTS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH

Application Deadlines: Ongoing

Expiration Date: September 7, 2007

Scope of Support: Average $5,000-75,000 in direct costs. $60 million total. 1000 awards.

Length of Support: The parent grant must have support remaining for a reasonable period (usually two or years or more).

Eligible Applicants: For-profit organizations; Non-profit organizations; Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories; Units of State government; Units of local government; Eligible agencies of the Federal government; Domestic institutions/organizations; and Faith-based or community-based organizations.

Agency/Department: National Institutes of Health: all institutes.

Summary: The purpose of this grant is to promote diversity in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences research workforce. Efforts will help to diversify the workforce and lead to the recruitment of the most talented researchers from all groups; to improve the quality of the educational and training environment; to balance and broaden the perspective in setting research priorities; to improve the ability to recruit subjects from diverse backgrounds into clinical research protocols; and to improve the Nation’s capacity to address and eliminate health disparities.

Funds are available for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by supporting and recruiting students, postdoctorates, and eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in science (racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds).

In all cases, the proposed research experience must be an integral part of the approved, ongoing research of the parent grant and it must have the potential to contribute significantly to the research career development of the candidate. Applications for supplements must include a plan for the candidate to interact with other individuals on the parent grant, to contribute intellectually to the research, and to enhance his/her research skills and knowledge regarding the selected area of biomedical science. It must also provide evidence of a focus on the enhancement of the research capability of the underrepresented or disadvantaged student or faculty member and that the research experience is intended to provide opportunities for development as a productive researcher. In addition, it must demonstrate that the Principal Investigator is willing to provide appropriate mentorship.