Grant Title: RUTH L. KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS (NRSA) FOR INDIVIDUAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS (F32)

PA Number: PA-06-373

Area of Research: Support for research in areas such as biomedical, behavioral, and/or clinical research.

Release Date and expiration: April 27, 2006 release; August 6, 2009 expiration

Application Deadlines: April 5, August 5, December 5 annually.

Amount: Annual stipend: Up to $51,000 dependent upon years of experience; allowance for tuition and fees: $3,000 and 60% of costs over $3,000; annual institutional allowance: Up to $7,000.

Length of Support: Up to 3 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 intramural labs; and domestic or foreign agencies. There are no listed requirements regarding number of years after receiving a doctoral degree that an individual may be eligible.

Agency/ Department: NIH; NIA, NIAAA, NIAID, NIAMS, NIBIB, NCI, NICHD, NIDCD, NIDCR, NIDDK, NIDA, NIEHS, NEI, NIGMS, NHLBI, NHGRI, NIMH, NINDS, NINR, NCRR, ODS

Summary: The proposed postdoctoral training must be within the broad scope of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research and must offer an opportunity to enhance the fellow's understanding of the health-related sciences and extend his/her potential for a productive research career.

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. Research clinicians must devote full-time to their proposed research training and must restrict clinical duties within their full-time research training experience to activities that are directly related to the research training experience. A Kirschstein-NRSA fellowship (F32) may not be used to support studies leading to the M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M., or other similar health-professional degrees. Neither may these awards be used to support the clinical years of residency training.

NIH recognizes the critical importance of training clinicians to become researchers and encourages them to apply. For those who have a health professional degree, the proposed training may be used to satisfy a portion of the degree requirements for a master's degree, a doctoral degree or any other advanced research degree program. Women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.