Grant Title: DRUG ABUSE DISSERTATION RESEARCH (R36)

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-13-182. CFDA Number(s): 93.279.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Area of Research: Support of drug abuse doctoral dissertation research.


Application Deadline: New: February 16, June 16, October 16 annually; Renewal, resubmission, revision: March 16, July 16, November 16 annually.

Amount: Award Ceiling: $50,000.

Length of Support: Up to 2 years with possibility of 12 month extension.

Eligible Applicants: The applicant must have a baccalaureate degree and be enrolled in a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral-degree program (e.g., Dr. PH., D.NSC. and Sc.D.), a formally combined M.D./Ph.D. program or other combined professional/clinical and research doctoral program in the biomedical, behavioral and social, and clinical sciences at an accredited domestic institution.

Summary: The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announces the availability of NIH Dissertation Award grants (R36) to support drug abuse doctoral dissertation research in NIDA areas of priority (http://www.drugabuse.gov/funding/funding-priorities). Areas of focus include research on basic and clinical neuroscience and behavior, developmental trajectories, epidemiology, prevention, treatment, services, and/or women and sex/gender differences. Grant support is designed to encourage doctoral candidates from a variety of academic disciplines and programs to conduct research in these areas of interest to NIDA. It is hoped that this program will ultimately facilitate the entry of promising new investigators into the field of drug abuse research and promote transdisciplinary collaborations. Accordingly the NIH continues to encourage institutions to diversify their student and faculty populations and thus to increase the participation of individuals currently underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences such as: individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from socially, culturally, economically, or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds that have inhibited their ability to pursue a career in health-related research. Institutions are encouraged to identify candidates who will increase diversity on a national or institutional basis. NIDA supports more than 85 percent of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. Research supported by NIDA encompasses basic, behavioral, and applied sciences related to the underlying mechanisms and health effects of drugs of abuse. This FOA is to provide students with grant-in-aid support to perform drug abuse dissertation research on a topic related to the study of development, epidemiology, prevention, treatment, services, or women and sex/gender differences, and thereby increase the pool of highly talented drug abuse scientists who conduct research in these areas. The descriptions below are examples of the research foci of this grant program and are provided to guide potential applicants to determine whether a given scientific topic may be appropriate for this initiative. These descriptions are not intended to be comprehensive. In addition, given the complexity of drug abuse research, it is permitted to conduct the proposed dissertation research in conjunction with an ongoing research study or to use extant data. Research studies focused on HIV/AIDS and Health Disparities are encouraged.