



# Kirschstein-NRSA Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (F31)



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## AT A GLANCE

### Application Due Dates (yearly)

April 8

August 8

December 8

### Program Director/Principal Investigator Eligibility

Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the program director(s)/principal investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with their organization to develop an application for support.

### Award Information

Award includes a stipend to help defray living expenses during the research and clinical training experiences, a contribution to the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate in place at the time of award, and an institutional allowance to help defray the cost of fellowship expenses such as health insurance, research supplies, equipment, books, and travel to scientific meetings.

## WHAT IS THE F31 DIVERSITY PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP?

The Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research enhances the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting the research training of predoctoral students from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups that are underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research workforce. Individuals from diverse backgrounds, including individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women, are always encouraged to work with their institutions to apply for NIH support.

## WHAT DOES THE F31 DIVERSITY PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OFFER?

This award offers several benefits, including:

- » Individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors
- » Experience conducting research using state-of-the-art methods, as well as presenting and publishing research findings as first author
- » Development of skills needed to transition to the next stage of the candidate's research career
- » The opportunity to interact with the scientific community at scientific meetings and workshops



## WHERE DO I LEARN MORE?

For the full text of this funding opportunity, visit: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-23-271.html>



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## CONTACTS

**Prior to submitting an application, potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact:**

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## ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS (PROGRAM DIRECTOR/ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)

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You may be eligible for support under this NOFO if you have a baccalaureate degree and are:

- » Currently enrolled in a Ph.D. or equivalent research degree program or in a dual-degree doctoral program (e.g., M.D./Ph.D.) at a domestic or foreign institution.
- » Working on a research project and have a sponsor, high academic performance in the sciences, and commitment to a career as an independent research scientist, physician–scientist, or other clinician–scientist
- » A U.S. citizen, non-citizen national of the U.S., or permanent resident

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The F31 Predoctoral Fellowship award may provide you with:

- » Up to 5 years of support toward completing a Ph.D. or up to 6 years of training support for a combined M.D./Ph.D. degree or other combined dual-doctoral degree
- » A stipend to help defray living expenses during the research and clinical training experiences
- » A contribution to the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate in place at the time of award
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For more information, see <https://researchtraining.nih.gov/resources/policy-notice>.



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