What is a Diversity Supplement?
The NCI Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Diversity Supplements) support research training for individuals from underrepresented groups throughout the continuum from high school students to investigators.

What Does a Diversity Supplement Offer?
This award offers several benefits, including:

- Support to advance academic and professional careers in cancer and biomedical research
- Budget that includes salary and fringe benefits for candidates, tuition for students, and limited supplies and travel with justification
- Opportunities to network with peers, mentors, and NCI Program Officers
- A gateway to further NCI and NIH funding opportunities

Important Application Information
Principal Investigators (PIs) of parent grants are required to submit the application. Applications must include:

- Candidate qualifications and motivations
- An explanation about how the research project is relevant to the parent project and how it aligns with the candidate’s career goals
- A clear description of the role of the mentor(s) and their qualifications
- A candidate-specific career development plan with appropriate benchmarks

Who is an Eligible Candidate?
Eligible candidates include:

- High school, undergraduate, or graduate students, Baccalaureate or Master’s degree holders, postdoctoral fellows, or investigators
- Individuals from a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, or social sciences, individuals with a disability, or students from a disadvantaged background
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents

Please see the program announcement for additional eligibility criteria.

Learn More

Prior to submitting an application, PIs, mentors, and candidates are strongly encouraged to contact the program officers at CUREsupplements@nih.gov.

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