

Supplemental Stipend

Research Fellows/Trainees are required to pursue their research training as appointees that receive a stipend determined by a sponsor that reflects the applicant's experience at the time of the award. Trainees must be able to commit full-time effort, normally defined as 40 hours per week or as specified by the sponsor.

Fellows receive stipends to defray living expenses. Stipends may be supplemented by an institution from non-Federal funds provided this supplementation does not require any additional obligation from the fellow. An institution can determine the amount of stipend supplementation, if any, it will provide according to its own formally established policies governing stipend support. These policies must be consistently applied to all individuals in a similar status regardless of the source of funds. Federal funds may not be used for stipend supplementation unless specifically authorized under the terms of the program from which funds are derived. It is not the intention for the fellows to be disadvantaged by accepting training awards.

Qualifications for Stipend Supplemental:

Stipend Supplemental for Fellows will only be allowed for those candidates who have already met the criteria for the training programs.

Supplemental will be paid from overhead, department funds or state accounts.

Pre-doctoral training: Predoctoral research training is for individuals who have a baccalaureate degree and are enrolled in a doctoral program leading to either a Ph.D., a comparable research doctoral degree, or a combined clinical degree and Ph.D, such as M.D./Ph.D. Students enrolled in health-professional programs that are not part of a formal, combined program (i.e., M.D./Ph.D.), and who wish to postpone their professional studies to gain research experience, also may be appointed to a Kirschstein-NRSA institutional research training grant. Predoctoral research training must emphasize fundamental training in areas of basic biomedical and behavioral sciences.

Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences (IDP) for Pre-doctoral Fellows:

The required IDP starting salary for the 2007-08 academic year will be \$23,000 per year, therefore it would be required of the IDP pre-doctoral fellows to have a minimum stipend at this level.

Post-doctoral training: Postdoctoral research training is for individuals who have received a Ph.D., D.V.M., D.D.S., M.D., or comparable doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Research training at the postdoctoral level must emphasize specialized training to meet national research priorities in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences. Kirschstein-NRSA institutional research training grants are a desirable mechanism for the postdoctoral training of physicians and other health professionals who may have had extensive clinical training but limited research experience. For such individuals, the training may be a part

of a research degree program. In all cases, health-professional postdoctoral trainees are to engage in at least 2 years of research, research training, or comparable experiences beginning at the time of appointment, since the duration of training has been shown to be strongly correlated with post-training research activity.

Citizenship: The individual to be trained must be a citizen or a noncitizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time of appointment. Noncitizen nationals are people, who, although not citizens of the United States, owe permanent allegiance to the United States.

Compensation for a fellow

Compensation for a fellow would be defined as additional duties, not training and can be paid from Federal or non-Federal research grants.