

F30 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA)

Predoctoral M.D./Ph.D. Fellowship Applications

Purpose of the Award

- Provides support to individuals for combined MD/PhD and other dual doctoral degree training (e.g. DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, AuD/PhD)
- Supports individual predoctoral F30 fellowships with the expectation that these training opportunities will increase the number of future investigators with both clinical knowledge and skills in basic, translational or clinical research
- The research training experience is expected to provide for the applicant:
 - A strong foundation in research design, methods, and analytic techniques appropriate to the proposed dissertation research
 - Development or enhancement of the applicant's ability to conceptualize and think through research problems with increasing independence
 - Experience in conducting, presenting, and publishing independent research
 - The opportunity to interact with members of the scientific community at appropriate scientific meetings and workshops (including NIH-sponsored meetings, where available)
 - A well-conceived career plan to increase his/her ability to secure federal research support

Applicant

- Must have a baccalaureate degree or equivalent and show evidence of both high academic performance in the sciences and substantial interest in research in areas of high priority to the participating Institutes
- Must be enrolled in an accredited combined MD/PhD (or DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, or AuD/PhD) program, and be supervised by a mentor for the research doctoral component
- May typically receive up to 6 years of aggregate Kirschstein-NRSA support at the predoctoral level, including any combination of support from institutional training grants (T32) and individual fellowship awards (F30)
- The participating NIH Institutes award this fellowship to qualified applicants with the potential to become productive, independent, highly trained physician-scientists and other clinician-scientists, including patient-oriented researchers in their scientific mission areas

More Information

- Visit the parent F30 Announcement through the [Parent Announcement page](#).
- Visit the [F Kiosk](#) for information about the Kirschstein-NRSA Individual Fellowships.
- Read more about the review criteria and considerations for F applications at [Review Criteria at-a-Glance](#).
- For more information on scoring and critique templates: [Scoring System and Procedure](#), [Critique Template Instructions](#).
- A comprehensive list of Guidelines for Reviewers is available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer_guidelines.htm.