

**GUIDE TO FINANCIAL AID**

for

**ADVANCED EDUCATION IN  
ORTHOTICS & PROSTHETICS**

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# PREFACE

## Information for Users

This guide was compiled to provide assistance for students who need financial aid to pursue higher education in the fields of orthotics and prosthetics. Every effort has been made to provide complete, useful and up to date information. Program funding and availability changes periodically without notice, so please use the contact information provided to make sure that financial aid is still available before you submit your application. In addition, please be aware of the following:

- Federal aid programs are funded year-by-year. The number of grants awarded, and the amount of each grant, will vary depending on how much money the program received from Congress. Some smaller programs may expire, or new programs may be added.
- The guide includes two specialized scholarships. We do not assume that the majority of students reading this guide will be eligible for these scholarships. However we have included them as examples of small, lesser-known aid programs. You may be able to find similar aid programs for which you do qualify.
- Students may apply directly for many of the scholarships included in this guide. In other cases, schools compete for funds and then distribute the funding to their own students through another competitive process. Where the guide says that “schools and institutions” are eligible, check with your program or financial aid office to see if your university participates.
- At the time this guide was prepared, the largest training grants were available through the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Many of these are found in the section titled “Institutional Grant Programs.” Graduate schools apply to the National Institutes of Health for funds from these programs, and then distribute funding to eligible students at their schools. These programs have several advantages: if the school currently participates in one of these NIH grant programs, then the infrastructure to provide funding to students already exists; they offer the greatest amount of aid to students, usually in excess of \$20,000 per year; and Orthotics and Prosthetics may be specifically eligible for funding.
- In order for a particular field to be eligible for NIH grants, the Institute that covers that field must agree to participate in (and contribute money to) the NIH program. Participation by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), which covers rehabilitation, varies from year to year. Some of the grant programs included in the institutional section of this guide note that O&P is not eligible for funding in 2007. Information on grants for which O&P is not eligible this year is included because some students may have academic or professional expertise that qualify them for aid through other Institutes, and because NICHD may participate in these grant programs in future years. The authors of this report hope that many scholarship programs for allied health professions that do not currently include O&P will make O&P eligible for assistance in the future.

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**FINANCIAL AID FOR UNDERGRADUATES/  
TRANSITION TO GRADUATE STUDY**

# Dan McKeever Scholarship Fund

## Financial Aid for Baccalaureate

**Applicant:** Individual student

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** The Orthotic and Prosthetic Education and Development Fund is pleased to announce the Dan McKeever Scholarship Program to provide grants to individuals who are pursuing an education in orthotics and prosthetics.

**Eligibility Information:** Applicants must be rising seniors in an accredited O&P bachelors degree program as well as:

- demonstrate a financial need,
- display leadership qualities,
- contribute to their own education financially,
- maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

**Type of Funds Available: Grants.** Each year the program will award three deserving O&P baccalaureate students.

**Application information:** Students may apply directly for the scholarship, or a professor may nominate them. To be considered for the award, students must submit a completed application, a letter of reference, a transcript and a 200-word essay on why they want to work in the orthotics and/or prosthetics professions. Applications for 2008 must be received by May 30, 2008.

Send materials to:

**The Academy  
Orthotic and Prosthetic Education and Development Fund  
526 King Street  
Suite 201  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314**

**Contact information:** If you have any questions about applying for the Dan McKeever Scholarship, please contact the Academy at (703) 836-0788, ext 206 or email [scholarship@oandp.org](mailto:scholarship@oandp.org).

# NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP)

## Financial Aid for Undergraduates

**Applicant:** Individual student

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) offers competitive scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral and social science health-related research. The program offers:

- Scholarship support
- Paid research training at the NIH during the summer
- Paid employment and training at the NIH after graduation.

For each full or partial scholarship year, you are committed to two NIH service obligations. The obligations themselves are benefits of the UGSP—providing you with invaluable research training and experience at the NIH.

1) *10-week Summer Laboratory Experience.* After each year of scholarship support, you will train for 10 weeks as a paid summer research employee in an NIH research laboratory. This employment occurs after the receipt of the scholarship award. Each scholar will be assigned to an NIH researcher and an NIH postdoctoral fellow, who will serve as mentors. You will also attend formal seminars and participate in a variety of programs.

2) *Employment at the NIH after Graduation.* After graduation, you will continue your training as a full-time employee in an NIH research laboratory. You must serve 1 year of full-time employment for each year of scholarship.

**Eligibility Information:** The NIH Undergraduate Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to students who show a commitment to pursuing careers in biomedical, behavioral and social science health-related research. The following are the basic requirements:

- U.S. citizen, national, or *qualified* non-citizen.
- Enrolled or accepted for enrolment as a full-time student for the 2007-2008 academic year at an accredited, 4-year undergraduate institution.
- From a disadvantaged background. Disadvantaged background means that your financial aid office has certified you as having “exceptional financial need.”
- 3.5 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale) or within the top 5 percent of your class.

**Type of Funds Available: Scholarship.** The NIH UGSP will pay up to \$20,000 per academic year in tuition, educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses to scholarship recipients. Scholarships are awarded for 1 year, and can be renewed up to 4 years.

**Anticipated number and size of award:** The NIH awards approximately 15 scholarships each year.

**Application information:** The application instructions are available at [http://www.ugsp.nih.gov/application\\_center/application\\_center.asp?m=02&s=01](http://www.ugsp.nih.gov/application_center/application_center.asp?m=02&s=01)

**Contact information:** If you wish to receive a paper application packet, or if you have any questions after a thorough review of our Web site, please contact us at 888-352-3001, by fax at 301-480-3123, or by e-mail at [ugsp@nih.gov](mailto:ugsp@nih.gov).

Additional information is available at: <http://www.ugsp.nih.gov/hme.asp?m=00>

# Student Support Services Program

## Financial Aid for Bachelor's Degree and Transition to Graduate Studies

**Applicant:** School or Institution

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** The program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. Student Support Services (SSS) projects also may provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants (# 84.063). The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next.

**Eligibility Information:** SSS projects may only be sponsored by institutions of higher education or combinations of institutions of higher education. If you have further questions about eligibility, please contact [OPE\\_TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:OPE_TRIO@ed.gov).

### Participant Eligibility for Program Services:

To receive assistance, students must be enrolled or accepted for enrolment in a program of postsecondary education at a grantee institution. Low-income students who are first-generation college students and students with disabilities evidencing academic need are eligible to participate in SSS projects. Two-thirds of the participants in any SSS project must be either disabled or potential first-generation college students from low-income families. One-third of the disabled participants must also be low-income students.

### Participant Eligibility for Grant Aid:

To receive SSS program grant aid, students must be current participants in the SSS project who are in their first two years of postsecondary education and receiving Federal Pell Grants. Grant aid may be offered to students who have completed their first two years of postsecondary education and are receiving Federal Pell Grants if the institution demonstrates that these students are at high risk of dropping out and it has first met the needs of all its eligible first and second-year students.

### Anticipated Number and Size of Award:

2007: Funding Allocation for SSS: \$271,970,000

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 0

2006: Funding Allocation for SSS: \$271,412,971

Number of Awards: 953


Number of Participants: 201,471

Average Award: \$284,799



Average Number of Participants: 211  
Average Cost per Participant: \$1,347

**Application information:** Competitions are held every fourth year.  
Last Competition: FY 2005  
Next Competition: FY 2009; application availability date - Fall 2008

Since the FY 2005 competition is closed, text versions of the application should be used for reference only. 2005 Application Package:  [Word](#) (323K) | [PDF](#) (745K)

**Contact information:**

Federal TRIO Programs  
U.S. Department of Education, OPE  
Higher Education Programs  
1990 K Street, N.W., Suite 7000  
Washington, DC 20006-8510  
E-mail: [OPE\\_TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:OPE_TRIO@ed.gov)  
Telephone: (202) 502-7600  
Fax: (202) 502-7857 or (202) 219-7074

# Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program

## Financial Aid for Undergraduate Transition to Graduate Study

**Applicant:** School or Institution

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** This program prepares participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. Participants are from disadvantaged backgrounds and have demonstrated strong academic potential. Institutions work closely with participants as they complete their undergraduate requirements. Institutions encourage participants to enrol in graduate programs and then track their progress through to the successful completion of advanced degrees. The goal is to increase the attainment of Ph.D. degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society.

**Eligibility Information:** Institutions of higher education and combinations of institutions of higher education and students who qualify for McNair must be enrolled in a degree-granting program at an eligible institution. In all projects, at least two-thirds of the participants must be low-income, potential first-generation college students. The remaining participants may be from groups that are underrepresented in graduate education.

### Anticipated Number and Size of Award:

2007: Funding Allocation for McNair: \$44,240,000  
Number of New Awards Anticipated: 179

2006: Funding Allocation for McNair: \$41,714,498  
Number of Awards: 177  
Number of Participants: 4,186  
Average Award: \$235,675  
Average Number of Participants: 24  
Average Cost per Participant: \$9,965

### Application information:

Start at the Grants.gov home page: <http://www.grants.gov/>.

Go to the Apply for grants page: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp).

Click on Step 1: Download a Grant Application Package and Instructions:  
[https://apply.grants.gov/forms\\_apps\\_idx.html](https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html)

Enter the CFDA number for this program: (84.217) and click "Download Package."  
Note that alpha suffixes to the CFDA number cannot be included in the search criteria. If there is

more than one program sharing the numeric CFDA you will be able to select using the program title after the numeric CFDA search.

Click "Download" to access the application package and instructions.

Applicants who are unable to submit an application through the Grants.gov system may submit a written request for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement. Requests for waivers are due at least two weeks before the application deadline date. See the [Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards](#) for additional details on requesting a waiver.

**Contact information:**

Federal TRIO Programs  
U.S. Department of Education, OPE  
Higher Education Programs  
1990 K Street, N.W., Suite 7000  
Washington, DC 20006-8510  
E-mail: [OPE\\_TRIO@ed.gov](mailto:OPE_TRIO@ed.gov)  
Telephone: (202) 502-7600  
Fax: (202) 502-7857 or (202) 219-7074

**SAMPLE REGIONAL/SPECIALIZED  
AID PROGRAMS**

## Sources for Students Scholarship Fund, Inc

### Financial Aid for Baccalaureate or Master's Degree

**Applicant:** Individual student

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** Sources for Students Scholarship Fund, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization established for the purpose of helping educationally and economically underprivileged young people out of poverty by offering educational workshops combined with motivational counselling services. We have two scholarship programs, *Locally* and *Nationally* where students can get funds to help pay for graduate school expenses. The program provides awards to students in Graduate school.

**Eligibility Information:** Students who live in the tri-state area (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut) have an opportunity to get funding to help pay for college tuition or tuition related fees, textbooks, or room and board. To qualify there are income guidelines, a community service commitment and you must have a "C" average or above. Students living in the tri-state area can request more information and eligibility requirements by sending their name and address via email to [sfs@sourcesforstudents.com](mailto:sfs@sourcesforstudents.com) or mail them to the address below.

National Scholarship: Students from all backgrounds can win a scholarship to help pay for college or college related expenses. This scholarship is awarded annually and students can apply every year. Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant level of education must be a senior in High School, College or Graduate student.
- Applicant must have a "C" average or above.
- Applicant must be a full-time or part-time student.
- Applicant must submit a 250 word essay.
- Applicant must produce a class schedule and tuition costs.
- There are NO INCOME GUIDELINES.

**Type of Funds Available: Scholarship.** Winners are chosen by a committee, which bases its decisions on extracurricular achievement, individual accomplishments and a submitted essay. The number of awards given is based on the amount of monies received through donations and fundraising.

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:** Scholarship amounts range from \$500.00 to \$5000.00. The number of awards given is based on the amount of monies received through donations and fundraising.

**Application information:** Students can request an application by sending your name and address via email to [sfs@sourcesforstudents.com](mailto:sfs@sourcesforstudents.com) or mail it to:

Sources for Students Scholarship Fund, Inc  
P.O. Box 1796  
New York, NY 10027

**Contact information:** <http://www.sourcesforstudents.com/>

## Medical Career Scholarship

### Financial Aid for MD

**Applicant:** Individual student

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** Scholarships shall be for training men and women for medical careers. The grant is to apply toward the expense of tuition, room and Board fees, books and supplies necessary for pursuit of study at any school, college, or other education institution in the State of Michigan.

**Eligibility Information:** Candidates shall be daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, or step of the aforementioned, wives or widows of honourably discharged or deceased men or women veterans of World War I, April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918; World War II, December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955; Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975; Grenada and Lebanon Hostilities, August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984; Panama Hostilities, December 2, 1989 – January 31, 1990; Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 to Date to be set by Congress. Age of candidate shall be determined by requirements of hospital or school of his/her choice.

**Type of Funds Available:** Scholarship

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:** The scholarship award shall be forfeited immediately upon advice from the Dean or other authorized officials of said institution, for failure to continue with classes because of misconduct, scholastic deficiency or other disqualifying cause. Should a recipient drop out during the year, he/she must repay the American Legion Auxiliary the unused portion of the scholarship.

**Application information:** Applications are available on the internet at [www.michalaux.org](http://www.michalaux.org).

**Contact information:** Further information may be obtained by: Phone: (517) 371-4720; Fax (517) 371-2401; or email: [info@michalaux.org](mailto:info@michalaux.org). Website: [www.michalaux.org](http://www.michalaux.org)

## FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAMS



## Federal Stafford Loan Program

### Financial Aid for MD and PhD

**Applicant:** Individual student

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** Stafford loans are the most common form of "self-help" aid and are for eligible undergraduate, graduate, vocational and professional students. The largest single source of federal aid is the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, administered jointly by the U.S. Department of Education and your state's student loan guaranty agency. FFEL Program loans, like other educational loans that are part of federal or state government programs, are made at favorable rates, and the qualifying standards are generally less stringent than for private loans. The interest rate varies each year, but can't go higher than 8.25% and interest rates are adjusted each July. Borrowers are notified of interest rate changes throughout the life of your loan. Origination and insurance fees of up to 4% may be deducted proportionally from each disbursement.

**Eligibility Information:** To qualify for FFEL Program loans, students:

- must be a U.S. citizen, national, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen
- must have a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate.
- must be making satisfactory academic progress.

or

- student's parent in the case of a PLUS loan-must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen (have a permanent resident visa and be able to provide an alien registration identification number).
- must have a Social Security number (SSN).
- must be a student working toward a degree or certificate at an eligible school at least half time.
- must be registered with the Selective Service, if required.

Depending on the type of loan for which you're applying, you must demonstrate financial need or creditworthiness.

**Type of Funds Available: Loan.** There are two types of Stafford loans: subsidized, where the federal government pays the interest while you're in school, and during grace and deferment; and unsubsidized, where you're responsible for paying all the interest on the loan. A subsidized loan and an unsubsidized loan can be awarded and received for the same enrolment period.

## Anticipated Number and Size of Award:

How much you can borrow largely depends on your college costs, your expected family contribution, your year in school and your enrolment status, and how much other financial aid you may receive. Dependent undergraduate students can borrow up to:

- \$2,625 for a first-year student enrolled in a program of study that is at least a full academic year.
- \$3,500 if you have completed the first year of study and the remainder of your program is at least a full academic year.
- \$5,500 a year if you have completed two years of study and the remainder of your program is at least a full academic year.

Independent undergraduate students or dependent students whose parents are unable to get a PLUS Loan, can borrow up to

- \$6,625 for a first-year student enrolled in a program of study that is at least a full academic year (only \$2,625 of this amount may be in subsidized loans).
- \$7,500 if you have completed the first year of study and the remainder of your program is at least a full academic year (only \$3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans).
- \$10,500 a year if you have completed two years of study and the remainder of the program is at least a full academic year (only \$5,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans).

Independent students may be eligible for additional unsubsidized Stafford loans to replace some of their expected family contribution. Freshmen and sophomores may receive up to \$4,000 more in unsubsidized Stafford loans; juniors and seniors may receive up to \$5,000 more; and graduate students up to \$10,000 more.

**Application information:** The first step in applying for a Stafford Loan is completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA. After your FAFSA is processed, your school will review the results and will inform you of your loan eligibility. You must then complete the promissory note provided by your school or the Direct Loan Servicing Center. For fast processing, we recommend that you complete the [FAFSA Form online](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)<sup>†</sup>. (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> )

**Contact information:** For assistance in requesting and obtaining deferments and forbearance for your Direct Stafford Student Loan, you should contact:  
The Direct Loan Servicing Center -- Borrower Services: 1-800-848-0979 or 1-315-738-6634;  
Fax: 1-800-848-0984; TTY: 1-800-848-0983; [www.dlsvicer.ed.gov](http://www.dlsvicer.ed.gov)

## Direct Plus Loans for Graduate and Professional Students

### Financial Aid for Master's Degree/MD/PhD

**Applicant:** Individual Students

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** Graduate or professional students are now eligible to borrow under the PLUS Loan Program up to their cost of attendance minus other estimated financial assistance in both the Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL) and Direct Loan Program. The terms and conditions applicable to Parent PLUS Loans also apply to Graduate/Professional PLUS loans. These requirements include a determination that the applicant does not have an adverse credit history, repayment beginning on the date of the last disbursement of the loan, and a fixed interest rate of 8.5 percent in the FFEL program and 7.9 percent in the Direct Loan program. Applicants for these loans are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). They also must have applied for their annual loan maximum eligibility under the Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program before applying for a Graduate/Professional PLUS loan.

**Eligibility Information:** Students must be enrolled at least half-time in a graduate or professional program (for example, a program that leads to a Master's Degree or to a law or medical degree) at a school that participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, and must meet all of the other general eligibility requirements for the Federal Student Aid programs. In addition, students must not have an adverse credit history (a credit check will be done).

**Type of Funds Available:** Loan

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:** There are no set annual or aggregate limits. You may borrow up to your full cost of attendance, minus any other financial aid you receive (including Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, scholarships, and certain fellowships).

Direct PLUS Loans currently have a fixed interest rate of 7.9%. This interest rate will not change throughout the life of your loan. The Department of Education charges a loan fee of 4% of the principal amount of each Direct PLUS Loan. This fee is deducted proportionately from each disbursement of your loan.

**Application information:** You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a Federal Direct PLUS Loan Application and Master Promissory Note (PLUS MPN).

For fast processing, we recommend that you complete the [FAFSA Form online](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)<sup>†</sup>.  
(<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> )

**Contact information:** Contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center at **1-800-848-0979** (TTY 1-800-848-0983) or online at [www.dl.ed.gov](http://www.dl.ed.gov).

Visit the web site or call to get loan account information, request a deferment or forbearance, download a deferment or forbearance request form, change repayment plans, make online payments, set up automatic payments, and much more.

<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/attachments/0623HERAOPGradPLUSAttachDGradPLUSQA.doc>

## **INSTITUTIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS**

## Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral MD/PhD Fellows (F30)

### Financial Aid for Combined MD/PhD

**Applicant:** School or Institution makes initial application; student applies to school for funds.

**Is O&P Eligible through NICHD Participation in 2007: No**

**Program Description:** The National Institute on Aging (NIA), the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) provide Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (Kirschstein-NRSA) to individuals for combined MD/PhD fellowship training. The participating Institutes award this Kirschstein-NRSA individual fellowship (F30) to promising applicants with the potential to become productive, independent, highly trained physician-scientists, including patient-oriented physician-scientists (see <http://www.nih.gov/news/crp/97report>; <http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10823.html>) in their scientific mission areas. This funding opportunity supports individual predoctoral F30 fellowships with the expectation that these training opportunities will increase the number of future investigators in basic, translational and clinical research who are physician scientists.

**Eligibility Information:** You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

- For-profit organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories
- Eligible agencies of the Federal government
- Domestic Institutions
- Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research training is invited to work with their sponsor and institution to develop an application for support.

### Type of Funds Available:

**Stipends.** Kirschstein-NRSA awards provide stipends at the predoctoral level to fellows as a subsistence allowance to help defray living expenses during the research and clinical training experience. The awards are not provided as a condition of employment with either the Federal government or the sponsoring institution.

**Tuition and Fees:** Tuition, for the purposes of this policy, means the combined cost of tuition, fees, and health insurance. A full description of the current tuition policy is contained within the NRSA section of the Grants Policy Statement at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/policy.htm>.

**Other Training Costs:** Additional funds may be requested by the institution when the training of a fellow involves extraordinary costs for travel to field sites remote from the sponsoring institution, or for accommodations for fellows who are disabled, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:**

**Stipends:** For the current stipend levels, see the NIH website at <http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm>.

**Tuition and Fees:** At the time of publication of this program announcement, the NIH will reimburse 100 percent of the cost of tuition up to \$3,000 and 60 percent of that cost above \$3,000 for the fellow.

**Institutional Allowance:** At the time of publication of this program announcement, F30 fellows receive an institutional allowance of \$2,750 per 12-month period to non-federal, or non-profit sponsoring institutions to help defray such awardee expenses as research supplies, equipment, books, and travel to scientific meetings.

**Application information:** The PHS 416-1 application instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/416/phs416.htm#forms> in an interactive format.

**Contact information:** For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, Telephone (301) 435-0714, Email: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov).

## Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellows (F31)

### Financial Aid for PhD or MD/PhD

**Applicant:** School or Institution makes initial application; student applies to school for funds.

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** The purpose of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Act (NRSA) is to help ensure that diverse pools of highly trained scientists will be available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to carry out the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research agendas. The objective of the Kirschstein-NRSA Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (F31) is to provide support for promising doctoral candidates who will be performing dissertation research and training in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes during the tenure of the award. The Kirschstein-NRSA for Individual Predoctoral Fellows will provide up to five years of support for research training which leads to the Ph.D. or equivalent research degree, the combined M.D./Ph.D. degree, or another formally combined professional degree and research doctoral degree in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences.

**Eligibility Information:** You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

- For-profit organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories
- Eligible agencies and labs of the Federal government including NIH intramural labs
- Domestic institutions
- Foreign institutions
- Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research training is invited to work with his/her sponsor and institution to develop an application for support.

### Type of Funds available:

**Stipends.** Ruth L. Kirschstein-NRSA F31 awards provide stipends to predoctoral fellows as a subsistence allowance to help defray living expenses during the research training experience. Beginning with competing individual NRSA awards made in FY2007, the institutional allowance category will be modified to include health insurance as an allowable expense.

**Tuition and Fees:** The NIH will contribute to the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate in place at the time of award.

**Other Training Costs:** Additional funds may be requested by the institution when the training of a fellow involves extraordinary costs for travel to field sites remote from the



sponsoring institution or for accommodations for fellows who are disabled, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

A full description of the policy for stipend supplementation and compensation is located in the NIH Grants Policy Statement at:

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps\\_2003/NIHGPS\\_Part10.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2003/NIHGPS_Part10.htm)

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:**

**Stipends:** The predoctoral stipend for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 was \$20,772. The current stipend schedule can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm>

**Tuition and Fees:** Beginning with competing individual NRSA awards made in FY2007, the NIH will provide an amount per individual fellow equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to \$16,000 per year for individuals enrolled in a doctoral degree program and up to \$21,000 per year for those individuals enrolled in a dual degree (e.g. M.D./Ph.D.) program.

**Institutional Allowance:** Predoctoral fellows will receive an institutional allowance of \$4,200 per 12-month period to non-federal or non-profit sponsoring institutions (domestic or foreign) to help defray fellowship expenses such as health insurance, research supplies, equipment, books, and travel to scientific meetings.

**Application information:** The PHS 416-1 (Rev. 10/2005) application instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/416/phs416.htm#forms> in an interactive format.

**Contact information:** For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, Telephone (301) 435-0714, Email: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov). Note that the PHS 416-1 has been restructured (Rev. 10/2005) and the instructions have been significantly modified. See the [NIH Notice](#) released December 9, 2005.

## Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Senior Fellows (F33)

### Financial Aid for PhD career change

**Applicant:** School or Institution makes initial application; student applies to school for funds.

### Is O&P Eligible through NICHD Participation in 2007: No

**Program Description:** The objective of the National Research Service Award (NRSA) F33 program is to provide senior fellowship support to experienced scientists who wish to make major changes in the direction of their research careers or who wish to broaden their scientific background by acquiring new research capabilities as independent research investigators in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs). The purpose of the National Research Service Award Act (NRSA) is to help ensure that diverse pools of highly trained scientists will be available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to carry out the Nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research agendas.

**Eligibility Information:** You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

- For-profit organizations
- Non-profit organizations
- Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories
- Eligible agencies and labs of the Federal government including NIH intramural labs
- Domestic Institutions
- Foreign Institutions
- Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research training is invited to work with his/her sponsor and institution to develop an application for support.

Before a Ruth L. Kirschstein-NRSA senior fellowship award can be activated, the individual must have received a Ph.D., M.D., D.O., D.C., D.D.S., D.V.M., O.D., D.P.M., Sc.D., Eng.D., Dr. P.H., DNSc., N.D.(Doctor of Naturopathy), Pharm.D., D.S.W., Psy.D., or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Certification by an authorized official of the degree-granting institution that all degree requirements have been met is also acceptable. The individual must have had at least 7 subsequent years of relevant research or professional experience and will have established an independent research career.

**Type of Funds Available: Stipends.** Ruth L. Kirschstein-NRSA awards provide stipends to senior level fellows determined individually at the time of award. However, in no case shall the NIH contribution to the stipend during the fellowship exceed the NRSA stipend provided for individuals with more than seven years of experience.

**Tuition and Fees:** The NIH will offset the combined cost of tuition and fees at the rate in place at the time of award.

**Institutional Allowance:** The NIH provides an institutional allowance to help offset expenses such as research supplies, equipment, health insurance (either self-only or family as appropriate), and travel to scientific meetings

**Other Training Costs:** Additional funds may be requested by the institution when the training of a fellow involves exceptional circumstances. In all cases, the additional funds requested must be reasonable in relationship to the total dollars awarded under the fellowship and must be directly related to the approved research training experience.

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:**

**Stipends:** The amount of the stipend is based on the salary or remuneration from their home institution on the date of award.

**Tuition and Fees** The rate currently in place, as indicated in the NIH Guide announcement NOT-OD-06-093 released August 18, 2006, will provide an amount per fellow equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to \$4,500 per year.

**Institutional Allowance:** At the time of publication of the funding opportunity announcement (and as indicated in NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-06-093), fellows receive an institutional allowance of \$7,850 per 12-month period at sponsoring non-federal, non-profit, or foreign institutions.

**Application information:** The fellowship application instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/416/phs416.htm#forms> in an interactive format.

**Contact information:** For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, Telephone (301) 435-0714, Email: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov). Note that the [PHS 416-1](#) has been restructured (Rev. 10/05) and the instructions have been significantly modified. See the NIH Notice [NOT-OD-07-002](#) released October 5, 2006.

# Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grants (T32)

## Financial Aid for PhD

**Applicant:** School or Institution makes initial application; student applies to school for funds.

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** The objective of the NRSA program is to provide predoctoral and postdoctoral research training opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical research. The purpose is to help ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to assume leadership roles related to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research agenda.

**Eligibility Information:** You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

- Non-profit organizations
- Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories
- Domestic Institutions
- Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research training program is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support.

## Type of Funds Available:

**Stipends.** Stipends are provided as a subsistence allowance for trainees to help defray living expenses during the research training experience and are based on a 12-month appointment period. The stipend is not provided as a condition of employment with either the Federal Government or the grantee institution nor is it to be considered a payment for services performed.

**Tuition and Fees:** The NIH will offset the combined costs of tuition, fees and health insurance (either self-only or family as appropriate) at the rate in place at the time of the award. The NIH is currently considering a revised policy for offsetting the costs of tuition and health insurance, and will publish a notice highlighting any modifications in the near future.

**Trainee Related Expenses:** The applicant institution may request the NIH standard NRSA Training Related Expenses to help defray other research training expenses, such as staff salaries, consultant costs, equipment, research supplies, and faculty/staff travel directly related to the research training program (see <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-06-026.html> for additional information). Funds are provided as a lump sum on the basis of the predetermined amount per predoctoral and postdoctoral trainee approved for support.

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:**

**Stipends:** Stipends will be based on the annual NIH stipend levels at the time of award. The fiscal year (FY) 2006 annual stipend level for a predoctoral trainee is \$20,772.

**Tuition and Fees:** The rate currently provides 100% of all costs up to \$3,000 and 60% of costs in excess of \$3,000 per trainee.

**Trainee Related Expenses:** FY2006, \$2,200 annually for each predoctoral trainee and \$3,850 annually for each postdoctoral trainee.

**Application information:** The PHS 398 application instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html> in an interactive format. Applicants must use the currently approved version of the PHS 398.

**Contact information:** For further assistance contact [GrantsInfo](#), Telephone (301) 435-0714, Email: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov).

## Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Short-Term Institutional Research Training Grants (T35)

### Financial Aid for PhD

**Applicant:** School or Institution makes initial application; student applies to school for funds.

**Is O&P Eligible through NICHD Participation in 2007: No**

**Program Description:** The objectives of the short-term research training (T35) program are to develop or enhance research training opportunities for individuals interested in careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical research. The program may also be used to support other types of predoctoral and postdoctoral training in focused, often emerging scientific areas relevant to the mission of the NIH funding Institute or Center. The training program must be in either the basic, clinical, or behavioral research aspects of the health-related sciences, and should be of sufficient depth to enable selected trainees, upon completion of the program, to have a thorough exposure to the principles underlying the conduct of research.

**Eligibility Information:** You may submit (an) application(s) if your organization has any of the following characteristics:

- Non-profit organizations
- Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories
- Domestic Institutions
- Any individual with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research training is invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support.

### Type of Funds Available:

**Stipends:** Stipends are provided as a subsistence allowance for trainees to help defray living expenses during the research training experience.

**Training Related Expenses:** The applicant institution may request the proportion of the NIH standard annual NRSA Training Related Expenses to help defray other costs of the short-term training experience, such as research supplies, tuition, fees, and certain types of travel and other expenses.

### Anticipated Number and Size of Award:

**Stipends:** Stipends for short-term trainees will be based on a monthly proportion of the annual NIH stipend level at the time of award. The FY2005 annual stipend level for a predoctoral trainee is \$20,772, therefore the monthly stipend is \$1,731 per month.

**Training Related Expenses:** The FY '05 amounts for TRE are \$2,200 annually (\$183/month) for each predoctoral trainee.

**Facilities and Administrative Allowance:** A facilities and administrative allowance based on 8% of total allowable direct costs (excluding amounts for tuition and equipment) may be requested.

**Application information:** The PHS 398 application instructions are available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html> in an interactive format. Applicants must use the currently approved version of the PHS 398.

**Contact information:** For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, Telephone (301) 435-0714, Email: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov).

# Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

## Financial Aid for MD and PhD

**Applicant:** NIH Principal Investigators

**O&P Eligible:** Yes

**Program Description:** Principal Investigators holding specific types of NIH research grants may apply for administrative supplements to improve the diversity of the research workforce by supporting and recruiting students, postdoctorates, and eligible investigators from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented. The NIH expects efforts to diversify the workforce to lead to the recruitment of the most talented researchers from all groups; to improve the quality of the educational and training environment; to balance and broaden the perspective in setting research priorities; to improve the ability to recruit subjects from diverse backgrounds into clinical research protocols; and to improve the Nation's capacity to address and eliminate health disparities.

**Eligibility Information:** Candidates eligible for support under this supplement program include individuals at various career levels (high school through post-doctoral) who come from groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in science. Such candidates include individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Detailed eligibility criteria are described in the full announcement.

**Type of Funds Available:** Administrative Supplement

**Anticipated Number and Size of Award:** The NIH expects to make more than 1,000 administrative supplements under this program at a total cost exceeding \$60 million. Direct costs for individual administrative supplements vary from less than \$5,000 to more than \$75,000 depending on the career level of the candidate. Requests for administrative supplements can be submitted to the NIH Program Official listed in the contacts section at any time. Administrative supplements normally end with the competitive cycle of the parent grant.

**Application information:** The application material is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html> in an interactive format. An application for a supplement may be submitted at any time. In making requests, the grantee institution, on behalf of the Principal Investigator of the parent grant and in cooperation with the candidate must submit the application for supplemental funds directly to the awarding component that supports the parent grant. The application must not be submitted to the NIH Center for Scientific Review.

**Contact Information:** National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Ralph Nitkin, Ph.D., Director, Biological science and Career Development Program, National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, 6100 Executive Blvd. Room 2A03, Bethesda, MD 20892-7510, Tel.: (301) 402-4206, FAX: (301) 402-0832, E-mail: [ralph.nitkin@nih.hhs.gov](mailto:ralph.nitkin@nih.hhs.gov) , Web site: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov>.



# Scholarships for Health Professions Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

## Financial Aid for PhD

**Applicant:** School or Institution

**Is O&P Eligible through NICHD Participation in 2007:** No

**Program Description:** Promotes delivery among health professions students and practitioners by providing scholarships for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Eligible health professions and nursing schools apply for funds to make scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds, who have financial need for scholarships and are enrolled, or accepted for enrolment, as full-time students at the schools.

**Eligibility Information:** Accredited public or private non-profit schools of allopathic medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, chiropractic, allied health, or schools offering graduate programs in public health, behavioral and mental health or physician assistants.

**Type of Funds Available: Grants** Based upon the availability of funds, notice of awards are issued to the eligible schools which in turn select and issue the awards to the eligible students.

**Range and Average of Financial Assistance:** \$702 to \$650,000; \$102,626.

**Application information:** Eligible health professions schools submit the required application to the Division of Health Careers Diversity and Development. Students apply to the Financial Aid Office at their respective school. This program is subject to the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-110. No State plan is required.

**Contact information:** For Program Contact: Debra Beals, Division of Health Careers Diversity and Development, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Public Health Service, Parklawn Building, Room 8-34, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-3958.