



Extramural Research Training and Career Development Program

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) has primary responsibility for meeting the research workforce needs in dental, craniofacial and oral health research. The NIDCR research training and career development initiatives span the career stages of scientists. Programs are located throughout the country, including the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Training is provided in the basic, clinical, behavioral and other sciences related to the NIDCR mission. The NIDCR supports both individual and institutional research training and career development awards. Individuals eligible for research training support include: (1) health professional and predoctoral students who wish to obtain a Ph.D.; (2) graduates of health professional schools desiring to obtain research training that may or may not lead to a Ph.D. or other such terminal degree; (3) individuals with a Ph.D. and/or D.D.S./D.M.D. interested in pursuing postdoctoral training; and (4) mid-career or senior scientists who want to receive additional training or retraining in new areas of science or research technology.

Programs for Predoctoral Students

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| Individual Predoctoral Dental Scientist NRSA Fellowship (F30) | Offers an integrated dental and graduate research training program that leads to both a DDS/DMD and PhD degree. Provides up to six years of support that includes an annual stipend, travel funds, partial tuition and other research related expenses. Students enrolled in a U.S. dental school can apply. |
| -Individual Predoctoral NRSA Fellowship (F31) -Individual Predoctoral NRSA Fellowship (F31) to Promote Diversity in Health Research | Provides up to five years of support for promising students conducting dissertation research in biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research areas relevant to the mission of NIDCR. Applicants must be enrolled in a PhD research degree program. Provides an annual stipend, travel funds, and additional allowance for partial tuition and other training related expenses. |
| Institutional NRSA Research Training Grant (T32) | Provides support for several types of research training: (1) up to five years of support to individuals pursuing a PhD; (2) up to five years of support to individuals pursuing a combined DDS/DMD-PhD degree; (3) up to three months per year to dental students desiring to gain research experience while in dental school. |

Programs for Postdoctoral and Postgraduate Fellows

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| Individual Postdoctoral NRSA Fellowship (F32) | Provides trainees with an opportunity to broaden their scientific background or to extend their potential for research in health-related areas. To be considered for this award, an individual must have received a PhD, DDS/DMD, MD or equivalent degree from an accredited institution. Up to three years of support may be provided. The stipend level depends on the number of relevant years of postdoctoral experience at time of award. Additional allowance is available for other training related expenses. |
| Institutional NRSA Research Training Grant (T32) | Supports an institution to develop a comprehensive program that provides opportunities for postdoctoral and short-term training in an area of dental, oral or craniofacial research. Postdoctoral trainees may receive support for up to three years. The annual stipend level for postdoctoral trainees depends on the number of relevant years of postdoctoral experience at time of award. Additional allowance is available for other training related expenses. |
| Individual Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08) | NIDCR K08 award encourages dentists and other clinicians to pursue a career in oral health research. The applicant must have a DDS/DMD/MD or other clinical doctoral degree, and must have a full-time faculty appointment. Priority will be given to dentists who wish to pursue a program that includes didactic and supervised basic or behavioral science research experiences that result in the PhD degree. Health professionals with a doctoral degree may use the award for a postdoctoral experience. The NIDCR will not provide support for clinical specialty training under this program. This award is for 3-5 years of support and awardees receive an annual salary up to \$75,000 plus commensurate fringe benefits. In addition, up to \$25,000 will be provided for training related expenses. |

