

Diversity Supplements

for T32 Training Grant - Ruth L. Kirschstein Institutional National Research Service Award

- **What is a T32 diversity supplement?**

Several NIH institutes offer additional funding for well-qualified individuals from underrepresented minority groups to receive research training under an existing T32 Ruth L. Kirschstein Institutional National Research Service Award only when all the positions awarded for the T32 have been filled. Participating NIH institutes administratively award an extra position, designated specifically for a selected underrepresented minority trainee to an existing T32 award. In most cases this can be either a predoctoral or postdoctoral slot, depending on your T32 program. That position then remains a part of the T32 for as long as the named individual is a member of the training program. When the individual no longer receives support from the T32, the funds for the position are removed from the grant.

Note: NIH funding opportunity, [NIH Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Supp – Clinical Trial Not Allowed\); PA-21-071](#), is not intended to provide diversity supplements for NRSA funded research fellows. PA-21-071 is used to electronically submit supplement requests for R01s, P30s, U01s and other mechanisms listed in the program announcement. This “Diversity Supplements” document specifically addresses diversity supplements for NIH funded T32 training grants.

- **Why should I apply for a T32 Diversity Supplement?**

- Diversity Supplements are an important approach to supporting UIM, disabled and disadvantaged trainees and junior faculty who are interested in research.
- These supplements can be used to obtain additional resources for funded research projects.
- An application for a Diversity Supplement, which must be submitted by the Principal Investigator of an existing and eligible NIH-funded grant or contract, is relatively brief and simple.
- Diversity supplements do not require peer review—they can be approved by NIH Project Officers and are supported using funds specifically set-aside for this purpose.

- **How do I apply for a T32 Diversity Supplement?**

The application process and materials required are specific to each NIH institute. All requests for supplemental slots should be preceded by consultation with the specific T32 institute’s program officer to determine availability of funds and to ascertain the suitability of the candidate.

The NIH will ask for information pertaining to the trainee and the program. This may include the trainee's CV, statement of the process by which the trainee was identified/selected, training plan, description of the research plan, statement from the T32 candidate on their career/future goals, and a budget.

Click [here](#) for a list of several NIH institutes who offer T32 supplements and information pertaining to their application process. Since NIH guidelines for T32 supplements are not associated with a specific NIH Request for Applications (RFA) or Program Announcement (PA) and can change without notice, please contact the T32's NIH institute to confirm requirements.

- **Who is an eligible candidate for support under a Diversity Supplement?**

Typically, pre- and postdoctoral trainees are eligible, however Principal Investigators of T32 awards are encouraged to contact their Program Officers to confirm that their award is eligible for a T32 Diversity Supplement. Unlike [NIH Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Supp – Clinical Trial Not Allowed\); PA-21-071](#), the application guidelines for T32 Diversity Supplements are different for each NIH institute.

Click [here](#) for a list of NIH institutes and indicates whether a T32 Diversity Supplement is offered and application requirements, if available. Again, T32 investigators are encouraged to contact their program officer. The availability of T32 Diversity supplements can vary and change at any time.

- **Existing T32 Training Grants and Diversity Supplements at MGH**

Click [here](#) for a list of several NIH institutes who offer T32 supplements and information pertaining to their application process. Please contact the NIH program officer, as requirements can change without notice.

- Click [here](#) for a list of MGH funded T32 grants and contact information for T32 grant managers
- Click [here](#) for a list of MGH funded T32 grants and diversity supplements

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