BACKGROUND:

Today’s global economy has increased the need for leaders with STEM skills. Technology innovation improves the competitive position of U.S. industries, drives export growth, and supports high-quality jobs. Additionally, as a result of the diffusion of technology across industries and occupations, the demand for funding to support innovation has also increased.

The Research Foundation and the University Faculty Senate recognize the time and commitment required from both the student and the faculty advisor to write grants for National Institute of Health (NIH) funding. We would like to support your efforts in grant writing by offering an incentive for submitting a Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (NRSA) F30, F31 or F31-Diversity proposal to the NIH in December 2016.

The purpose of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Predoctoral MD/PhD or Other Dual-Doctoral Degree Fellowship (Parent F30) is to enhance the integrated research and clinical training of promising predoctoral students, who are matriculated in a combined MD/PhD or other dual-doctoral degree training program (e.g. DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, AuD/PhD, DVM/PhD), and who intend careers as physician-scientists or other clinician-scientists.

The purpose of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (F31) is to enable promising predoctoral students to obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting dissertation research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The proposed mentored research training must reflect the applicant’s dissertation research project and is expected to clearly enhance the individual’s potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist.

The purpose of this NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (F31 - Diversity) award is to enhance the diversity of the health-related research workforce by supporting the research training of predoctoral students from population groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research workforce. Such individuals include those from
underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, those with disabilities, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Through this award program, promising predoctoral students will obtain individualized, mentored research training from outstanding faculty sponsors while conducting well-defined research projects in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The proposed mentored research training is expected to clearly enhance the individual’s potential to develop into a productive, independent research scientist.

Join us for one of three informational sessions to learn more:
August 29, 1:00 – 2:00pm
September 1, 9:00 – 10:00am
September 7, 4:00 – 5:00pm

Dial 415-655-0002
Access code: 645 758 490

More information about all of these NIH opportunities can be found here: https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/fellowships?CFID=66416154&CFTOKEN=dedf4ab50abc556c-29E217FA-5056-9439-7ECFFD00BD55160F

PROGRAM FOCUS:
The Research Foundation will provide graduate students from across the SUNY system with an incentive to submit a Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual NRSA F30, F31 or F31 – Diversity application to the NIH in the Fall of 2016. Students seeking this incentive are required to attend a virtual NIH Grantsmanship Training session to be held on September 13 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm or September 21 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm. Under the guidance of a SUNY faculty sponsor (an active investigator in the area of the proposed research training and be committed both to the applicant’s research training and to direct supervision of his/her research), the student will develop an F31 application and submit it to NIH for the December 8, 2016 (for the F30) December 8, 2016 (for the F31) or December 13, 2016 (for the F31 – Diversity) deadlines.

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:
- Stipend: Up to $1,000 depending upon the total number of grant applications submitted.
  - Note: Confirmation (proof) of submission of the NRSA application is a condition for receiving a stipend. Up to $500 will be awarded after this is received. The remaining half will be awarded when you reply to the program feedback survey notifying the committee of the status/score of your NIH award application.
  - Note: The stipend is for the grad student only, not their mentor, lab supplies, overhead, or any other purpose.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Applicants must be presently enrolled in a graduate program at a SUNY institution in a program that is eligible for F30, F31 or F31 – Diversity support.
- Applicants must be in the dissertation stage of the PhD studies and meet all of the NRSA predoctoral fellowship eligibility requirements.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
- Applicants must complete the virtual NIH Grantsmanship Training (as well as the course pre-requisites) to be held on September 13 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm or September 21 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm. Pre-requisite:
Review an actual NIH application analyzing the various sections, and draft a specific aim for a potential proposal.

- Applicants must submit a Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual NRSA F30 or F31 grant application to the NIH for the December 8, 2016 (for the F30), December 8, 2016 (for the F31), or December 13, 2016 (for the F31 – Diversity) deadlines.
- The incentive application and a complete copy of this submission must be shared with the UFS Grad Committee and the Research Foundation.

**TIMELINE:**

Register for one of the virtual NIH Grantsmanship Training sessions: either September 13 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm or September 21 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to RFGradStudentRes@rfsuny.org by December 31, 2016.

Applicants will be notified of the status of their acceptance by January 16th, 2017.

**INCENTIVE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

To request incentive payments, please submit the following:

- Complete Incentive Request Form
- Proof (email confirmation form NIH) of F30, F31 or F31 – Diversity application submission
- Complete copy of NRSA F30, F31 or F31 - Diversity application
- Attach W-9 form
- Response to program feedback survey in spring 2017

Email all materials to RFGradStudentRes@rfsuny.org by December 31, 2016 at 5pm.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCES:**

Applicants must be in the dissertation stage of their PhD studies and meet all NIH eligibility requirements.

**QUESTIONS:**

For further information, please contact Kathleen Caggiano-Siino at 518-434-7132 or email kathleen.caggiano-siino@rfsuny.org or Carolyn Mattiske at 518-434-7088 or email Carolyn.mattiske@rfsuny.org.

For questions regarding the virtual NIH Grantsmanship Training sessions, contact Michaela Rehm at 315-214-2418 or michaela.rehm@suny.edu.