

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) Predoctoral Stipends, Training Related Expenses, Institutional Allowance, and Tuition/Fees Effective for Fiscal Year 2017

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Key Dates

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Related Announcements

[NOT-OD-16-062](#)

[NOT-OD-17-003](#)

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Purpose

This revised Notice supersedes [NOT-OD-16-062](#), and establishes stipend levels for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Kirschstein-NRSA awards for undergraduate and predoctoral trainees and fellows, as shown in the table below. The Training Related Expenses and Institutional Allowances for predoctoral trainees and fellows and the Tuition and Fees for all educational levels remain unchanged.

The budgetary categories described in this Notice apply only to Kirschstein-NRSA awards made with FY 2017 funds. All FY 2017 awards previously issued using FY 2016 stipend levels ([NOT-OD-16-062](#)) will be revised to adjust stipends to the FY 2017 level.

Appointments to institutional training grants that have already been awarded in FY 2017 must be amended to reflect the FY 2017 stipend levels once the training grant award has been adjusted by the NIH. Amended appointments must be submitted through xTrain in the eRA Commons. Retroactive adjustments or supplementation of stipends or other budgetary categories with Kirschstein-NRSA funds for an award made prior to October 1, 2016 are not permitted.

*Note: The FY 2017 stipend and other budgetary levels for postdoctoral trainees and fellows was issued on December 15, 2016: [NOT-OD-17-003](#)*

**Stipends for FY 2017**

Effective with all Kirschstein-NRSA awards made on or after October 1, 2017, the following annual stipend levels apply to all individuals receiving support through institutional research training grants or individual fellowships, including the Maximizing Access to Research Career (MARC) and Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) programs.

*Undergraduates in the MARC and BUILD Programs:* For institutional training grants (T34, TL4), two stipend levels may be used for undergraduate candidates: Freshmen/Sophomores and Juniors/Seniors.

Career Level	Stipend for FY 2017	Monthly Stipend
Freshmen/Sophomores	\$8,988	\$749
Juniors/Seniors	\$12,588	\$1,049

*Predoctoral Trainees and Fellows:* For institutional training grants (T32, T35, T90, TL1) and individual fellowships (F30, F31, F99), one stipend level is used for all predoctoral candidates, regardless of the level of experience.

Career Level	Years of Experience	Stipend for FY 2017	Monthly Stipend
Predoctoral	All	\$23,844	\$1,987

### **Tuition and Fees, Training Related Expenses, and Institutional Allowance for Kirschstein-NRSA Recipients**

The NIH will provide funds for Tuition and Fees, Training Related Expenses, and Institutional Allowance as detailed below.

#### **A. Tuition and Fees**

*Undergraduate and Predoctoral Trainees and Fellows:* For institutional training grants (T32, T34, T35, T90, TL1, TL4) and individual fellowships (F30, F31, F99), an amount per predoctoral trainee equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to \$16,000 per year, will be provided. If the trainee or fellow is enrolled in a program that supports formally combined, dual-degree training (e.g., MD/PhD, DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, AuD/PhD, DVM/PhD), the amount provided per trainee or fellow will be 60% of the level requested, up to \$21,000 per year.

#### **B. Training Related Expenses on Institutional Training Grants**

For institutional training grants (T32, T35, T90, TL1), these expenses (including health insurance costs) for predoctoral trainees will be paid at the amounts shown below for all competing and non-competing awards made with FY 2017 funds.

- Predoctoral Trainees: \$4,200

#### **C. Institutional Allowance for Individual Fellows**

This allowance for predoctoral fellows will be paid at the amounts shown below for all competing and non-competing awards made with FY 2017 funds.

Institutional Allowance for individual fellows (F30, F31, F99) sponsored by non-Federal Public, Private, and Non-Profit Institutions (Domestic & Foreign, including health insurance):

- Predoctoral Fellows: \$4,200

Institutional Allowance for individual fellows (F30, F31, F99) sponsored by Federal and For-Profit Institutions (including health insurance):

- Predoctoral Fellows: \$3,100

### **Relevant Policies**

Current stipend levels are to be used in the preparation of future competing and non-competing NRSA institutional training grant and individual fellowship applications. They will be administratively applied to all applications currently in the review process.

NRSA support is limited to 5 years for predoctoral trainees (6 years for dual-degree training, e.g., MD/PhD, DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, AuD/PhD, DVM/PhD).

It should be noted that the maximum amount that NIH will award to support the compensation package for a graduate student research assistant remains at the zero level postdoctoral stipend, as described in [NOT-OD-02-017](#).

### **Inquiries**

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