

NIH Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Diversity Supplements Program)

Description/Overview of Award

The Diversity Supplements Program (DSP) is designed to facilitate the recruitment and training of promising scientists from diverse backgrounds (e.g., individuals from groups underrepresented in the biomedical research workforce) via non-competing administrative supplements. NIH-funded PIs may submit a diversity supplement to support a candidate at any career/training stage - high school student to faculty - of a diverse background. NIH expects that efforts to diversify the workforce will lead to:

- Improvement in the quality of the educational and training environment.
- A greater range of ideas to address research questions.
- A balanced perspective in determining research priorities.
- Improved capacity to recruit subjects from diverse backgrounds into clinical research protocols.
- Improved capacity to address and eliminate health disparities.

DSP administrative supplements must support work within the scope of the original project. The active Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)/Program Announcement (PA) is designed specifically for applicants proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary clinical trial. Applicants to this FOA are permitted to propose research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.

NIH Diversity Supplements awards are applied to through specific Program Announcements (PAs). See a list of [active R36 FOAs here](#). *What's an FOA and what do all these NIH acronyms mean? What does Clinical Trial Not Allowed, Clinical Trial Experience Study mean? Click [here](#) to find out!*

Looking for additional information? Try this link:

- [Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research](#)

Benefits

Provides funding for Candidate salary and the supplementary project. Specific funding amounts and award timelines vary.

Eligibility

- PI: Must have active, eligible funding from a participating institute (see [PA-21-071](#)) and enough time remaining in the award period to complete the supplemental project.
- Candidate
 - Must be from a diverse background, as defined by [NOT-OD-20-031](#)
 - Individuals from underrepresented racial/ethnic groups
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds
 - Eligible training/career stages:
 - High school students
 - Undergraduate students
 - Baccalaureate and Master's Degree holders
 - Graduate (predoctoral) and Health Professional students
 - Individuals in postdoctoral training
 - Investigators developing independent research careers

How to Apply

Candidates are encouraged to contact eligible PIs about the possibility of submitting a diversity supplement. DSP submissions are processed as *non-competing administrative supplements*, as discussed here: [Administrative Supplements](#)