PURPOSE AND RESEARCH CAREER OBJECTIVES

The objective of the NRSA program is to provide predoctoral and postdoctoral research training opportunities for individuals interested in pursuing research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical research.

The purpose of the NRSA research training program is to help ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to assume leadership roles related to the nation’s biomedical and behavioral research agenda. Research training programs are designed to allow the Training Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) to select the trainees and develop a curriculum of study and research experiences necessary to provide high quality research training. The grant offsets the cost of stipends, tuition and fees, and training related expenses including health insurance for the appointed trainees in accordance with the approved NIH support levels.

Attention must be given to recruiting trainees from racial or ethnic groups underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences, individuals with disabilities, and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Program Announcement may be found online at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-184.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-184.html). The following sections provide a more complete description of this grant mechanism:

- Part II, Section I: Funding Opportunity Description
- Part II, Section IV.2: SF424 (R&R) Other Project Information Component
- Part II, Section V: Application Review Information