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If your present address differs from that shown on the address label, please send your new address to: Room 2A14, 5333 Westbard Avenue, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, and attach your address label to your letter. Prompt notice of your change of address will prevent your name being removed from our mailing list.

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MINORITY ACCESS TO RESEARCH CAREERS (MARC PROGRAM)

FACULTY FELLOWSHIP

A N N O U N C E M E N T

Under authority of Section 472 of the Public Health Service Act as amended (42 USC 2891-1), the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) is accepting applications for Faculty Fellowships under the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program. The program is designed to assist minority institutions in the training of greater numbers of scientists and teachers in health-related fields.

The MARC Faculty Fellowship program provides opportunities for advanced research training for selected faculty members of four-year colleges, universities and health professional schools in which student enrollments are drawn substantially from ethnic minority groups (American Indians, Blacks, Hawaiians, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, and other racial descent). These institutions may nominate faculty members to apply for MARC Fellowships to support a period of advanced study and research training in graduate departments and laboratories as candidates for the Ph.D. degree or for postdoctoral research training in specified areas in the biomedical sciences. MARC Faculty Fellows are selected on a competitive basis. Applications will be evaluated by an initial review group with minority representation and are subject to review and approval by the Advisory Council. Awards may be made for up to 3 years of support. When their training is completed the Fellows are expected to return to sponsoring schools to do research and teaching so as to inspire and assist minority students to prepare for professional careers in the biomedical sciences and in medicine.

The amount of the stipend to be paid shall be commensurate with the salary or remuneration which the individual receiving the award would have been entitled to receive from the institution with which the individual has a permanent affiliation on the date of acceptance of the fellowship, but in no event shall the stipend exceed \$25,000 annually.

Application receipt date: August 15, 1976

Further information regarding the specified areas of support, length of support, trainee eligibility and required payback provisions may be found in NIH GUIDE FOR GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, VOL. 5, NO. 9, July 2, 1976, pages 1-5 and attachment.

Application forms may be obtained from Mr. Elward Bynum, Director, MARC Program, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. Telephone (301) 496-7357. Appropriate institutional officials and faculty members may contact Mr. Bynum for counseling in the preparation of applications.

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS: RFA

A N N O U N C E M E N T

TITLE: *DETERMINANTS OF ADOLESCENT FERTILITY*

The Population Research Grants Branch (PRGE) of the Center for Population Research at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (CPR/NICHHD) is inviting research grant applications for investigations of the determinants of childbearing among females under the age of 18.

The RFA specifically encourages investigations of the factors that influence: 1) adolescent sexual behavior, 2) the use or non-use of contraception among sexually active adolescents and 3) the immediate resolution of adolescent pregnancy. Research should be based on data collected as part of the grant.

There is a November 1, 1976 deadline for receipt of the applications. For details, interested parties should contact:

Dr. V. Jeffery Evans  
RFA Officer  
PRGE, CPR, NICHHD  
Room C-733, Landow Building  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014  
(301) 496-6515

DIGESTIVE DISEASES AND NUTRITION CENTERS

A N N O U N C E M E N T

In a previous announcement (Vol. 1, No. 22, Dec. 15, 1972), the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases announced establishment of a program of Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Centers. The Institute is not, at present, accepting applications for this program. New receipt dates will be announced in the Guide at such time as new guidelines are available.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS, METABOLISM, AND DIGESTIVE DISEASES  
GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAM PROJECT GRANTS

The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases (NIAMDD) has available for distribution copies of its new NIAMDD Guidelines for Program Project Grants. This publication spells out the guidelines and procedures adopted by the NIAMDD for new and renewal applications as well as for active program projects. Effective February 1, 1977, the NIAMDD will accept only applications for program project grants which conform to these new guidelines.

This announcement does not reflect a new or expanded initiative and should not be considered to be a request for applications. Rather, the guidelines have been developed to clarify the purposes and procedures under which the NIAMDD will continue to employ this research-support mechanism.

Briefly, the NIAMDD Program Project is designed to provide a means for bringing together a team of investigators of proven competence to work on a research program with clearly defined goals, and clearly specified approaches for attaining those goals. A grant for a Program Project is made to a public or private, non-profit institution, in the name of a Program Director, for the combined support of the different research projects of a team of investigators participating in a broadly based, multifaceted or multidisciplinary program of research activity.

While a Program Project should serve to integrate individual high-quality research projects which draw upon a wide spectrum of backgrounds, expertise, scientific disciplines and clinical specialties, its scope should be concentrated toward a central research focus. This focus should be on fundamental or disease processes as they relate to a particular health problem or biomedical area within the mission of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases. The research may thus be clinical research, basic research, or both.

The Program Project may provide funds for the support of core resources and facilities, which would be available for use in each of a number of individual projects, as well as on a centralized basis. This would be in addition to the support provided for each of the individual research projects within the program.

The individual project proposals will each be reviewed for scientific and technical merit by an initial review group within the Division of Research Grants, NIH. A special review panel convened by the NIAMDD will then consider the Program Project application, after reviewing the requested core resources as well as the results of the scientific reviews of the individual projects. It will then make recommendations based upon the viability of the overall program and the relevance and appropriateness of each project to the scientific purposes of the program. All of the recommendations mentioned above will then be considered by the National Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases Advisory Council. The Council may in turn recommend approval for the overall Program Project, or for the inclusion of only particular projects within the Program. It may also identify

individual projects which may be funded separately, in competition with other regular projects.

It is important that potential applicants consult with staff of the NIAMDD prior to submission of new, renewal or supplemental applications to determine if the proposed program fits the criteria of a Program Project and the mission of the Institute. Further information, and copies of the Guidelines, may be obtained from:

Office of the Associate Director  
for Extramural Program Activities  
National Institute of Arthritis,  
Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases  
National Institutes of Health  
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

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C O R R E C T I O N S

1. Vol. 5, No. 9, pages 1 and 7  
Vol. 5, No. 10, page 1

Change the USC citation to read (42 USC 2891-1)

2. Vol. 5, No. 11, page 5, paragraph 2, the telephone number for Dr. William Taylor is (301) 496-7048.

CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM  
NIH GUIDE FOR GRANTS AND CONTRACTS (August 8, 1975)  
Vol. 4, No. 7, page 6, D.

R E V I S I O N

Revise to read:

D. Special Community Resource Development

Under this general area of cancer control, applications are to be concerned with the development of community outreach programs through cancer centers. Communication with staff prior to application is strongly recommended.