

1976 REPORT ON PERSONNEL NEEDS AND TRAINING

FOR BIOMEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH -

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

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

The following announcement from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) describes a new element in the planning process that governs support by the National Institutes of Health (NIH); the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration; and the Division of Nursing of biomedical and behavioral research training, namely, the solicitation of public comments on that process. Distribution is made to recipients of the *NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts* as part of a cooperative effort of NAS and NIH to bring this opportunity to the attention of the interested public.

"RESEARCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE INVITES COMMENTS ON REPORT;  
SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 4

"Public comments on a report dealing with personnel and training needs in the biomedical and behavioral sciences are being sought by the National Research Council committee that authored the report.

"The comments, the first such to be solicited under the Research Council's new public-access guidelines, will be discussed at a public meeting of the committee on Thursday, November 4, in Washington at the National Academy of Sciences building. Suggestions on the committee's future work will also be discussed.

"The report, which was issued in June, was the second in an annual series being prepared by the Research Council's Commission on Human Resources for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. It examined the training programs of the NIH and the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration in four broad areas - basic biomedical sciences, behavioral sciences, clinical sciences, and health services research - and recommended shifting the general emphasis of federal funding in those areas from predoctoral to postdoctoral candidates for the 1977 and 1978 fiscal years.

"Those interested in participating in the open meeting - by submitting a written statement only, by submitting a statement and making a 10-minute oral presentation, or by participating in the discussion only - should contact Robert G. Snyder, Commission on Human Resources, National Research Council, Room JH-717, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418. Written statements should be submitted by October 15.

"Single copies of Personnel Needs and Training for Biomedical and Behavioral Research, 1976 Report are available without charge from the Commission at the same address.

"The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the lecture room of the Academy building at 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Parking facilities are not available."

TREATMENT OF RELEASED FUNDS RESULTING  
FROM ISSUANCE OF RESEARCH OR  
ACADEMIC CAREER AWARDS

**POLICY**

BACKGROUND Since 1962 the NIH has had a policy that grantee institutions may not automatically retain grant funds freed as a result of providing salary for an individual through an NIH research or academic career award and use them for other project-related purposes. Grantee institutions have been required to seek prior approval from awarding units in order to retain such funds.

At various times questions are raised as to what NIH considers appropriate circumstances for allowing retention of such funds within the affected NIH research or training grant(s). Following is a statement of NIH's policy on this subject.

POLICY Funds budgeted in an NIH-supported research or training grant for an individual's salary and/or fringe benefits, but freed as a result of funding a research or academic career award for that individual may not be used for any other purpose except when the career award recipient no longer participates in the grant-supported activity and another individual replaces him/her and requires comparable remuneration. Only under some highly unusual circumstance will consideration be given to approval for use of released funds for any other reason than the one described above. In any event, the proposed retention and utilization of funds released in this manner must receive prior written approval of the awarding unit.