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MARC HONORS UNDERGRADUATE

RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

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Applications must be received no later than May 15, 1977. Awards, as a result of applications in response to this announcement, will not be made until Federal Regulations Title 42, Part 66, has been appropriately revised to permit awards under the MARC program for research training at the prebaccalaureate level.

Under authority of Section 472 of the Public Health Service Act as amended (42 USC 2891-1) the National Institute of General Medical Sciences is accepting applications for institutional National Research Service Awards (NRSA's) for an undergraduate honors program in the biomedical sciences under the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program. The provisions of the NRSA Act are applicable to this program.

The MARC program is intended to assist minority institutions in the training of greater numbers of scientists and teachers in health-related fields. The objectives of the undergraduate research training program are (1) to increase the number of well-prepared minority students who can compete successfully for entry into graduate programs leading to the Ph.D. degree, (2) to aid the development of a strong biological sciences curriculum, and (3) to strengthen research training programs in the biomedical sciences.

Training support will be offered to highly selected undergraduate honors students at four-year colleges, universities, and health professional schools in which student enrollments are drawn substantially from ethnic minority groups (such as American Indians, Blacks, Hawaiians, Mexican Americans, and Puerto Ricans). Each institutional grant will have a maximum support period of five years. These honors programs for third- and fourth-year students should be designed to improve significantly the research training capabilities of the minority institutions. They should provide mechanisms to augment and improve the science curricula, strengthen the faculty, and improve laboratory facilities. Funds will be available for research equipment and supplies essential to the program, and for stipends, tuition, fees, and limited travel costs for the trainees. Arrangements for special training at universities and laboratories other than the grantee institution should be provided for.

Applications will be reviewed at the NIH by an initial review group and the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council, and will compete for appropriated funds available for this program.

Minority institutions wishing to apply for support under this program should request application forms, guidelines, and additional information by calling (301) 496-7357, or writing to Mr. Elward Bynum, Program Director, MARC Program, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

APPLICATIONS FOR
GENERAL CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTERS
SOUGHT BY THE
DIVISION OF RESEARCH RESOURCES

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Under authority of P.L. 86-798, the General Clinical Research Centers Program of the Division of Research Resources provides grants for institutional resources for clinical investigation funded as General Clinical Research Centers. Research conducted on GCRC's should increase the knowledge of human physiology and pathophysiology by the investigation of the epidemiology, progression, prevention, control, and cure of human disease by studies in man; should encourage and foster disciplinary interaction; contribute to the maintenance of a national core of qualified clinical investigators; and develop technological and therapeutic advances in the expeditious translation of basic biological knowledge into effective patient care. Funds are provided for the hospitalization of research patients; professional direction of the Center; Clinical Associate Physicians; nursing, dietary, administrative, and laboratory personnel; equipment; supplies; and certain renovation costs. Centers operated in this manner will serve as a resource for any and all clinical disciplines at the applicant institution.

The purpose of this announcement is to restate DRR's interest in the development of resources for clinical investigation. Support will be through resource grants. Inquiries and preliminary drafts should be addressed to: Director, General Clinical Research Centers Program, Division of Research Resources, Room 4B13, Building 31, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20014; telephone (301) 496-6595. Applicants must use the regular research grant application (PHS 398) which is available at institutional central application control offices. The completed application should be mailed to the Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, where it will then be assigned according to the NIH referral guidelines. In addition, please send two copies of the application to the General Clinical Research Centers Program. All applications will be reviewed by the General Clinical Research Centers Advisory Committee and by the National Advisory Research Resources Council. Applications recommended for approval will compete for available funds with all other approved applications assigned to the GCRC Program.

The receipt dates for applications are March 1, July 1, and November 1. The earliest possible award dates will be approximately nine months after receipt dates. Applications received too late for one cycle of review will be held for the next.

The support through a DRR resource grant is subject to applicable laws, regulations, and the policies to be found in the *PHS Grants Policy Statement*, dated October 1, 1976, DHEW Publication No. (OS) 77-50,000.