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NOTICES

NATIONAL WORKSHOPS ON "PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS"

P.T. 42; K.W. 0783005

National Institutes of Health
Food and Drug Administration

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are continuing to sponsor a series of workshops on responsibilities of researchers, Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), and institutional officials for the protection of human subjects in research. The workshops are open to everyone with an interest in research involving human subjects. The meetings should be of special interest to those persons currently serving or about to begin serving as a member of an IRB. Issues discussed at these workshops are relevant to all other Public Health Service agencies. The current schedule includes the following:

I. SOUTHWEST WORKSHOP

DATES: February 4-5, 1991

WORKSHOP SITE:
Meridien Hotel
50 Third Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

SPONSOR:
University of California at San Francisco
Box 0400
San Francisco, CA 94143

REGISTRATION CONTACT:
Ms. Phyllis Colbert
Workshop Contact Person
University of California at San Francisco
Box 0400
San Francisco, CA 94143
Telephone: (415) 476-1881

TOPIC: "The Use of Human Subjects in Research: AIDS as a Model of Complexity"

II. MIDEAST WORKSHOP

DATES: March 4-5, 1991

WORKSHOP SITE:
Friday Center
Laurel Hill Parkway
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1020

SPONSORS:
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
300 Bynum Hall
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-4100

Shaw University
118 E. South Street
Raleigh, NC 27611

REGISTRATION CONTACT:
Mr. Al Dawson
Director
Friday Center
Laurel Hill Parkway
C. B. 1020
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-1020
Telephone: (919) 962-1106

TOPIC: "Problems in Interpreting the Federal Code for the Protection of Human Subjects"

III. MIDWEST WORKSHOP

DATES: April 11-12, 1991

WORKSHOP SITE:
Hyde Park Hilton
4900 Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60615

SPONSORS:
University of Chicago
970 East 58th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

Chicago State University
95th Street at King Drive
Chicago, IL 60628

REGISTRATION CONTACT:
Mr. Arnold L. Aronoff
Associate Director
Faculty and Administrative Services
University Research Administration
University of Chicago
970 East 58th Street
Chicago, IL 60637
Telephone: (312) 702-8669

TOPIC: "Cultural Diversity, Ethics, and Research: A Workshop on Human Subject Protections"

NIH/FDA have planned national human subject protections workshops in other parts of the United States. For further information regarding these workshops contact:

Darlene Marie Ross
Executive Assistant for Education
Division of Human Subject Protections
Office for Protection from Research Risks
National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike
Bldg. 31, Room 5B43B
Bethesda, MD 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-8101

NOTICES OF AVAILABILITY (RFPs AND RFAs)

MINORITY FELLOWSHIPS FOR DOCTORAL AND/OR POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING IN NEUROSCIENCES - REVISION

RFA: MH-91-01

P.T. 22, FF; K.W. 0720005, 1002030

National Institute of Mental Health

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) announces a change in the receipt date on the Request for Applications (RFA), Minority Fellowships for Doctoral and/or Postdoctoral Training in Neurosciences, MH-91-01 (NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts dated November 2, 1990, Vol. 19, No. 39), from January 10, 1991, to April 8, 1991. The revised Application Receipt and Review Schedule of the RFA is as follows:

Receipt date: April 8, 1991
Initial Review Group Meeting: June 1991
Council Meeting: September 1991
Earliest Possible Start Date: September 30, 1991

Additional information concerning this RFA may be obtained by contacting:

Stanley F. Schneider, Ph.D.
Division of Basic and Behavioral Sciences
National Institute of Mental Health
Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: (301) 443-4347
FAX: (301) 443-4822

PHYSICAL FRAILTY IN MINORITY OLDER POPULATIONS

RFA AVAILABLE: AG-91-03

P.T. 34, CC, FF; K.W. 0710010, 0715043, 0710095, 1002019, 0745027

National Institute on Aging

Application Receipt Date: May 17, 1991

I. BACKGROUND

Progressive impairments in physical functional abilities contribute significantly to loss of independence and long-term care needs among older minority populations. In some minority populations, the severity of such impairments has been shown to be equal to, or greater than, the general population. In other populations, even basic descriptive data are lacking. These data are needed to increase our understanding of impairments and functioning in various cultural groups and to determine needs for appropriate health care and services among these populations.

Data are sparse on the relationship of physical frailty to chronic degenerative conditions of later life in minority populations. Better knowledge of genetic, environmental, nutritional, cultural, and socioeconomic factors affecting the severity and progression of such conditions would be useful in the design of intervention and prevention programs.

Involvement of minority investigators and/or minority institutions is strongly urged, especially in those projects that require extensive subject recruitment or seek collaboration with minority institutions.

II. RESEARCH GOALS AND SCOPE

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) solicits applications for support of research projects to increase knowledge on the above issues. Specifically, applications are requested for studies of the following:

- o The relationship of specific functional impairments to severity of specific degenerative conditions in minority populations.
- o Differences in the sequelae of chronic conditions among different minority populations.
- o Prevalence and incidence of conditions responsible for impaired physical functioning in daily living activities.
- o Genetic, environmental, and nutritional factors affecting severity and progression of these conditions in specific minority populations.
- o Efficacy in specific minority groups of interventions to prevent and/or reduce physical frailty.

On the above topics, NIA encourages attention to special problems related to interactions of cognitive impairment (e.g., Alzheimer's disease) with physical disability in specific minority groups.

III. MECHANISM OF SUPPORT

Support of this program will be through the Public Health Service grant-in-aid. The R01 grant mechanism will be used. This Request for Applications (RFA) is a one-time solicitation. Up to \$1.2 million (total cost) for first-year expenses and additional approved expenses for up to five years will be committed to fund applications submitted in response to this RFA.

Applications are required to include, where feasible and appropriate, women as well as men in the study populations for all clinical research efforts and to analyze, where appropriate, differences between these populations. If women are not to be included, a clear rationale for their exclusion must be provided.

The National Center for Nursing Research (NCNR) is also interested in receiving and funding research proposals concerned with frailty. For information contact: Dr. Sharlene Weiss, Chief, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Branch, NCNR, Building 31, Room 5B03, Bethesda, MD 20892

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases also is interested in research in this area. For information contact: Dr. Joan McGowan, Director, Bone Biology and Bone Diseases Program, NIAMS, Westwood Building, Room 403D, Bethesda, MD 20892.

IV. REVIEW PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

Applications will be received by the NIH Division of Research Grants. Responsive applications will be assigned to a special Institute review group for review.

Proposals judged to be non-responsive (those not directed at the goals of this RFA) will be administratively withdrawn and returned to the applicant without review. Proposals may first receive a preliminary review by a subcommittee of the review panel to establish those applications deemed to be competitive. Those proposals judged non-competitive will be so designated, and an abbreviated summary statement noting the major areas of concern will be sent to the Principal Investigator. Applications judged to be competitive will be given full review. Following review by the initial review group, the applications will be considered by the National Advisory Council on Aging.

The major review criteria are:

- o scientific merit of the research proposed;
- o significance of the research project to the goals of the RFA;
- o qualifications, experience, and commitment of the investigators and their ability to devote the required time and effort to the project;
- o appropriateness of the total budget and budgetary requests;
- o institutional commitment to the requirements of the project.

V. METHOD OF APPLYING

Applications should be submitted on the standard PHS 398 (rev. 10/88) application form (available at most institutional business offices or from the Division of Research Grants, NIH, 301-496-7441). The deadline for receipt of applications is May 17, 1991. On item 2 of the face page of the application, applicants should enter: NIA RFA AG-91-03--Physical Frailty in Minority Older Populations. The RFA label available in the 10/88 revision of the Application Form 398 must be affixed to the bottom of the face page. Failure to use this label could result in delayed processing of the application and prevent it from reaching the review committee in time for review. The completed application and four copies should be sent to:

Application Receipt Office
Division of Research Grants
National Institutes of Health
Westwood Building, Room 240
Bethesda, MD 20892**

At the same time the application is submitted to the Division of Research Grants, two copies of the application should be sent to:

Chief, Scientific Review Office
National Institute on Aging
Building 31, Room 5C12
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

VI. STAFF CONTACT

A complete copy of the RFA may be obtained from the E-Guide or by writing or calling:

Stanley L. Slater, M.D.
Geriatrics Program
National Institute on Aging
Room 5C27, Building 31
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-6761

NATIONAL MULTI-PURPOSE RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTERS

RFA AVAILABLE: DC-91-01

P.T. 34, 44; K.W. 0715055, 0720005, 0410001, 0785035, 1004017

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

Letter of Intent Receipt Date: January 30, 1991
Application Receipt Date: February 21, 1991

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) invites applications for National Multi-purpose Research and Training Centers [RTC (P60)] for the multi-disciplinary study of communication sciences and disorders. Applications must be multi-disciplinary in focus and involve basic and clinical research, research training, continuing education for health professionals, and information dissemination to the general public in one or more of the major scientific areas of the Institute (hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language). Two centers may be supported in response to this Request for Applications (RFA).

BACKGROUND

In 1988, Congress established the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders in Public Law 100-553, which mandated that the Institute provide for the development, modernization, and operation of new and existing Centers for studies of disorders of hearing and other communication processes. The law further specified that each Center shall conduct: basic and clinical research in disorders of hearing and other communication processes, research training programs for health professionals, information and continuing education programs for health professionals, and programs of information dissemination to the general public.

In 1989, over 100 U.S. scientists, representing a broad range of specialties in the communication sciences, met to develop a research plan for the NIDCD. One panel of these scientists addressed the National Multi-purpose Research and Training Centers, identifying and elucidating the critical features of such Centers.

In FY 1990, an RFA was issued for Research and Training Centers. Three Centers were awarded. The purpose of this current RFA is to request additional applications for RTCs.

Investigators should be aware that NIH requires applicants to give added attention, where feasible and appropriate, to the inclusion of minorities and women in study populations. Gender and minority population differences should be noted and analyzed wherever possible. If minorities and/or women are not included in a given study, a clear reason for their absence must be provided. Merely including an arbitrary number of minority group and women participants in a given study is insufficient to guarantee generalization of results.

MECHANISM, NUMBER OF YEARS, AND BUDGET

This RFA will be funded through the National Multi-purpose Research and Training Center (P60) mechanism. Five (5) years of support must be requested at an annual direct cost not to exceed \$1 million for the first year. Budget increments after the first year will be limited to necessary cost-of-living increases. At present, the Institute plans to award renewals of one or more additional periods of not more than five (5) years of support. This is a one-time RFA with plans to fund two centers in FY 1991.

INQUIRIES

Applicants may request additional information and the following requisite materials -- complete 1991 RFA for the National Multi-purpose Research and Training Centers, Application Guidelines: National Multi-purpose Research and Training Centers, and PHS 398 (rev. 10/88) Application Form -- from:

Ralph F. Naunton, M.D.
Director
Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
Executive Plaza South, Room 750
6120 Executive Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20852
Telephone: (301) 496-1804

To facilitate Institute planning, applicants are requested to submit a letter of intent by January 30, 1991 to the contact person identified above.

ONGOING PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC-ACADEMIC LIAISON FOR RESEARCH ON SERIOUS MENTAL DISORDERS - ADDENDUM

P.T. 34; K.W. 0715129, 1014006

National Institute of Mental Health

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) announces an addendum to its program announcement, Public-Academic Liaison (PAL) for Research on Serious Mental Disorders, published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts on September 30, 1988, Vol. 17, No. 31.

The restriction under the Terms and Conditions of Support section of this announcement, with respect to maximum total direct costs of regular research grant applications submitted in response to this announcement, no longer applies. Applicants may request in excess of \$250,000 in total direct costs per year. The appropriateness of budget requests is considered when applications are evaluated for scientific and technical merit.

The great increase in the number of PAL applications to NIMH has made it impractical for NIMH to convene regular meetings of PAL participants (also described under Terms and Conditions of Support in the announcement). Applicants for a PAL grant do not need to include funds for such meetings in their budget requests.

Potential applicants should contact staff listed below for consultation concerning submission of projects in response to this announcement:

Darrel Kirch, M.D.
Chief, Schizophrenia Research Branch
Division of Clinical Research
National Institute of Mental Health
Room 10C-06, 5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: (301) 443-3524

or

Thomas Lalley, M.A.
Chief, Services Research branch
Division of Applied and Services Research
National Institute of Mental Health
Room 18C-14, 5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: (301) 443-3364

SHORT-TERM TRAINING FOR MINORITY STUDENTS PROGRAM

PA: PA-91-14

P.T. 44, FF; K.W. 0720005, 0715032, 0715040, 0715165

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Application Receipt Date: February 8, 1991

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) announces a program to support short-term training for minority students in order to provide opportunities for minority students to become exposed to biomedical research. The program is designed to attract highly qualified minority students at the undergraduate and graduate level into biomedical and behavioral research careers and to bolster the already short supply of minority investigators in the areas relevant to cardiovascular, pulmonary, or hematologic diseases.

Grants in this program will be made to domestic institutions or organizations, including minority institutions, engaged in health-related research in areas related to heart, lung, or blood disorders. These grants will support short-term research training experiences of 2 to 3 months duration for minority undergraduate students, minority students in health professional schools, and minority graduate students. Trainees appointed to the program need not be from the grantee institution, but may include a number of minority

students from other institutions, schools, colleges, or universities. Special attention should be given to the recruitment of individuals from minority groups that are underrepresented nationally in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, i.e., Blacks, Hispanics, native Americans, Alaskan natives, and Pacific Islanders.

Guidelines and supplemental instructions for preparing applications for this program may be obtained from any of the following:

John Fakunding, Ph.D.
Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health
Federal Building, Room 3C04
Bethesda, MD 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-1724

Helena Mishoe, Ph.D.
Division of Blood Diseases and Resources
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health
Federal Building, Room 504D
Bethesda, MD 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-6931

Sydney Parker, Ph.D.
Division of Lung Diseases
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health
Westwood Building, Room 640A
Bethesda, MD 20892
Telephone: (301) 496-7668

This program is described in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers 93.837-93.839. Awards will be made under the authority of the Public Health Service Act, Title III, Section 487 (Public Law 78-410, as amended; 42 USC 288) and administered under PHS grant policies and Federal Regulations at 42 CFR Part 66. This program is not subject to the intergovernmental review requirements of Executive Order 12372 or Health Systems Agency review.

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Bethesda, Maryland 20816