

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

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Item

Minority Scientist Training Programs – The Committee continues to be pleased with the quality of NIGMS's training programs, particularly those that have a special focus on increasing the number of minority scientists such as Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) and Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS). The Committee urges NIGMS to continue to support these training programs. (p 66)

Action to be Taken

NIGMS recognizes the importance of the MARC and MBRS programs in meeting the needs for scientists in academia and industry. These programs are a critical part of the Institute's mission and enable it to contribute to increasing the supply of basic and clinical research scientists who are prepared to address health disparities. In FY 2001, NIGMS will continue to support these areas. Furthermore, to enhance the competitiveness of applications from minority serving institutions, NIGMS will continue to support workshops in grant writing and program evaluation.