

Re-entry Supplements

Similar in some ways to Diversity Supplements, NIH also has a funding mechanism called “Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers.” See PA-08-191 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/pa-08-191.html>) for more specific information. Applicants must contact the agency supporting the parent grant to discuss their eligibility before applying

Briefly, re-entry supplements provide support to individuals with high potential to re-enter an active research career after a qualifying interruption for family or other responsibilities. There must be at least 2 years left on the parent grant. Funding is limited to 3 years. Applications can be submitted any time and take approximately 10 weeks to receive a decision.

Candidates

Candidates must have a doctoral degree, such as M.D., D.D.S., Ph.D., O.D., D.V.M., or equivalent; and must have been in a postdoctoral or faculty position at the time they left active research. All candidates must be planning a career in biomedical or behavioral research. Candidates who have begun the re-entry process through a fellowship, traineeship, or similar mechanism are not eligible for this program. Awards will be limited to citizens or non-citizen nationals of the United States or to individuals who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (i.e., in possession of an Alien Registration Receipt Card) at the time of application.

The following guidelines will generally be applied with discretion by the individual NIH ICs. In general, the duration of the career interruption should be for at least one year and no more than eight years. Examples of qualifying interruptions would include a complete or partial hiatus from research activities for child rearing; an incapacitating illness or injury of the candidate, spouse, partner, or a member of the immediate family; relocation to accommodate a spouse, partner, or other close family member; pursuit of non-research endeavors that would permit earlier retirement of debt incurred in obtaining a doctoral degree; and military service. The program is not intended to support additional graduate training and is not intended to support career changes from non-research to research careers for individuals without prior research training. Generally, the candidate should be in complete or partial hiatus from research activities at the time of application, and should not be engaged in full-time paid research activities. Preference will be given to candidates with a complete hiatus from research activities. Because NIH ICs may have varying degrees of flexibility in interpreting and implementing the Re-entry program, potential applicants should consult with the contact at the NIH awarding component at the earliest possible stage to discuss his or her unique situation (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/contacts/PA-08-191>Contact.htm>).

Salary

The requested salary and fringe benefits for a re-entry candidate must be in accordance with the salary structure of the grantee institution, consistent with the level of effort. An additional amount up to \$10,000 may be requested for supplies, domestic travel, and publication costs relevant to the proposed research. Equipment may not be purchased as a part of this supplement without justification and specific prior approval of the NIH awarding component.