

# F33 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

## Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Senior Fellows (F33)

### Purpose of the Award

- Provide senior fellowship support to experienced scientists who wish to make major changes in the direction of their research careers or who wish to broaden their scientific background by acquiring new research capabilities as independent research investigators in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers
- Enable individuals with at least seven years of research experience beyond the doctorate, and who have progressed to the stage of independent investigator, to take time from regular professional responsibilities for the purpose of receiving training to increase their scientific capabilities
- Supports sabbatical experiences for established independent scientists seeking support for retraining or additional career development
- Not designed to support postdoctoral level investigators seeking to enhance their research experience prior to independence

### Applications

- Must include a research training proposal that offers an opportunity for individuals to broaden their scientific background or to extend their potential for research in health-related areas as independent researchers

### Applicants

- Must have received a PhD, MD, DO, DC, DDS, DVM, OD, DPM, ScD, EngD, DrPH, DNSc, ND (Doctor of Naturopathy), PharmD, DSW, PsyD, or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution
- Must not be engaging in studies leading to the MD, DO, DDS, DVM, DNP, or other similar health-professional degrees, or the clinical years of residency training
  - Research clinicians must devote full-time to their proposed research training and confine clinical duties to those activities that are directly related to the research training program experience
- May request support for a period of up to 2 years

### More Information

- Visit the parent F33 Announcement through the [Parent Announcement page](#).
- Visit the [F Kiosk](#) for information about the Kirschstein-NRSA Individual Fellowships.
- To read more about the review criteria and considerations for F applications, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/f.htm> and [Review Criteria at-a-Glance](#).
- Please see the following documents for more information on scoring and critique templates: [Scoring System and Procedure](#), [Critique Template Instructions](#).
- A comprehensive list of Guidelines for Reviewers is available at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer\\_guidelines.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer_guidelines.htm).