

R25GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

NIH Research Education Grant Applications

Purpose of the Award

- Supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. Each program supports one of four specific goals: Educational activities that (1) Complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs; **or** (2) Enhance the diversity of the biomedical, behavioral and clinical research workforce; **or** (3) Help recruit individuals with specific specialty or disciplinary backgrounds to research careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences; **or** (4) Foster a better understanding of biomedical, behavioral and clinical research and its implications.

Details

- To accomplish the stated **singular goal**, each program may support one or more highly integrated educational activities with focusing on: (1) *Courses for Skills Development*, (2) *Research Experiences*, (3) *Mentoring Activities*, (4) *Curriculum or Methods Development*, and (5) *Outreach*. (see specific FOAs)
- No specific dollar limit unless specified in FOA
- Not intended as a substitute for an NRSA institutional training program (e.g., T32)

Application

- The R25 application contains certain components not typically found in research grant applications including: a proposed research education program; identification of a target audience; and a statement of institutional environment and commitment.
- Where applicable, an education program may also require a plan for the appointment of an Advisory Committee to monitor progress; a diversity recruitment and retention plan; a plan for instruction in the responsible conduct of research; an evaluation plan; and/or a dissemination plan.

More Information

- Note that the review criteria for evaluating R25 applications are defined differently than those for evaluating other types of research (R) applications
- Consult the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to read the Review Process section. Individual FOAs (certain Program Announcements and RFAs) often have additional review criteria and/or considerations
- 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