

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) Postdoctoral Stipends, Training Related Expenses, Institutional Allowance, and Tuition/Fees Effective for Fiscal Year 2017

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Purpose

All FY 2017 awards previously issued using [FY 2016 stipend levels](#) will be revised to adjust stipends to the FY 2017 level. Appointments to institutional training grants that have already been awarded in FY 2017 must be amended to reflect the FY 2017 stipend levels once the training grant award has been adjusted by the NIH. Amended appointments must be submitted through xTrain in the eRA Commons.

**Postdoctoral Stipend levels for FY 2017**

Career Level	Years of Experience	Actual Stipend for FY 2016	Stipend for FY 2017	Monthly Stipend
Postdoctoral	0	\$43,692	\$47,484	\$3,957
	1	\$45,444	\$47,844	\$3,987
	2	\$47,268	\$48,216	\$4,018
	3	\$49,152	\$50,316	\$4,193
	4	\$51,120	\$52,140	\$4,345
	5	\$53,160	\$54,228	\$4,519
	6	\$55,296	\$56,400	\$4,700
	7 or More	\$57,504	\$58,560	\$4,880

For institutional training grants (T32, T90, TL1) and individual fellowships (F32), the stipend level for the entire first year of support is determined by the number of full years of relevant postdoctoral experience when the appointment is made or the award is issued. Relevant experience may include research experience (including industrial), teaching, internship, residency, clinical duties, or other time spent in a health-related field beyond that of the qualifying doctoral degree. Once the appropriate stipend level has been determined, a trainee or

fellow must be paid at that level for the entire grant year. The stipend for each additional year of Kirschstein-NRSA support is the next level in the stipend structure and does not change mid-year.

### **Tuition and Fees, Training Related Expenses, and Institutional Allowance for Kirschstein-NRSA Recipients**

The NIH will provide funds for Tuition and Fees, Training Related Expenses, and Institutional Allowance as detailed below.

#### **A. Tuition and Fees**

1. Postdoctoral Trainees and Fellows: For institutional training grants (T32, T90, TL1) and individual fellowships (F32), an amount per postdoctoral trainee or fellow equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to \$4,500 per year, will be provided. If the trainee or fellow is enrolled in a program that supports postdoctoral individuals in formal degree-granting training, an amount per postdoctoral trainee or fellow equal to 60% of the level requested by the applicant institution, up to \$16,000 per year, will be provided.

#### **B. Training Related Expenses on Institutional Training Grants**

1. For institutional training grants (T32, T35, T90, TL1), these expenses (including health insurance costs) for postdoctoral trainees will be paid at the amounts shown below for all competing and non-competing awards made with FY 2017 funds.
2. *Postdoctoral Trainees:* \$8,850

#### **C. Institutional Allowance for Individual Fellows**

This allowance for postdoctoral fellows will be paid at the amounts shown below for all competing and non-competing awards made with FY 2017 funds.

1. Institutional Allowance for individual fellows (F32) sponsored by non-Federal Public, Private, and Non-Profit Institutions (Domestic & Foreign, including health insurance):
2. *Postdoctoral Fellows:* \$8,850
1. Institutional Allowance for individual fellows (F32) sponsored by Federal and For-Profit Institutions (including health insurance):
2. *Postdoctoral Fellows:* \$7,750

#### **Relevant Policies**

Except for requests to adjust stipend levels consistent with [NOT-OD-17-002](#), retroactive adjustments or supplementation of stipends with Kirschstein-NRSA funds for an award made prior to October 1, 2016 are not permitted.

Current stipend levels are to be used in the preparation of future competing and non-competing NRSA institutional training grant and individual fellowship applications. They will be administratively applied to all applications currently in the review process.

NRSA support is limited to 3 years for postdoctoral trainees or fellows. The NRSA program provides eight levels of postdoctoral stipends to accommodate individuals who complete other forms of health-related training prior to accepting a Kirschstein-NRSA supported position. (The presence of eight discrete levels of experience, however, does not constitute an endorsement of extended periods of postdoctoral research training.)

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