The overarching goal of the NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate (PRAT) Program is to provide high quality postdoctoral research training in the basic biomedical sciences, in NIH intramural research laboratories, to a diverse group of postdoctoral fellows to prepare them for leadership positions in biomedical careers. Training includes a mentored laboratory experience as well as intensive career and leadership development activities. Fellows selected for the NIGMS PRAT Program will receive 3 years of stipend support and benefits, a travel allowance, and will participate in PRAT Program activities. More information about the NIGMS PRAT Program can be found at http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/Pages/PRAT.aspx

The NIGMS PRAT Program supports fellowship training within the NIH Intramural Research Program focused on NIGMS mission-related areas. These areas include but are not limited to cell biology, biophysics, genetics, developmental biology, pharmacology, physiology, biological chemistry, computational biology, technology development and bioinformatics. Studies employing model organisms are encouraged. Preceptors must have relevant experience in these areas of research. Current PRAT fellows are from a wide array of scientific disciplines and interact on a regular basis to exchange ideas.

Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. or a professional degree (M.D., D.D.S, D.O., D.V.M., or Pharm.D.) in any area relevant to biomedical research by the time the applicant would be appointed to the NIGMS PRAT program (fall 2015), and be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applicants may apply prior to coming to NIH, or they may have started postdoctoral research on-site at NIH as long as they have no more than 2 years of postdoctoral experience at NIH by October 2016.

Fellows pursue independent, peer-reviewed research under the guidance of one or more tenured or tenure-track NIH investigators. Applicants must identify and communicate with a potential preceptor in advance of applying in order to prepare a research proposal as part of the fellowship application. Potential preceptors and more information about the NIH Intramural Research Program can be found at http://irp.nih.gov.

Applicants to the NIGMS PRAT program must apply to the NIH FI2 funding mechanism - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-094.html. The format of the NIH FI2 application models the NIH NRSA/F32 individual postdoctoral fellowship award.

Most research facilities are located in Bethesda, Maryland. Other research facilities are located in Baltimore, Maryland; Frederick, Maryland; and Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

Applications must be received by 5:00 pm
Scientific review of applications
Finalist interviews; summary statements available
Earliest start date for new PRAT fellows

Appointments typically begin in the fall of each year; however, earlier start dates may be negotiated. Appointments are made at competitive salary levels, commensurate with experience and recognition of selection for this program.

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