

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Policy Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing

Purpose

To help ensure that highly trained scientists will be available in adequate numbers and in appropriate research areas to carry out the research agenda of the nursing profession. To support this need, the School of Nursing will assist faculty to mentor the most promising applicants in postdoctoral fellowships to support full-time research training related to the mission of the School of Nursing and Johns Hopkins University. The intent of this fellowship is to provide new training experiences designed to broaden their scientific background.

Funding

Funding will be provided by either: 1) Grants of faculty mentors; 2) Institutional traineeships; 3) Individual traineeships; 4) Other extramural program. Stipends and other support are the responsibility of the fellow and supervising faculty member. The School of Nursing cannot provide support from the general budget.

Eligibility Requirements

Fellows must either possess Citizenship, or individuals must be citizens or non-citizen Nationals of the United States, who have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (i.e., possess a currently valid Alien Registration Receipt Card 1 551, or other legal verification of such status). Non-citizen nationals are generally persons born in outlying possessions of the United States (i.e., American Samoa and Swains Island). Fellows do not need to be a registered nurse (RN).

Degree Requirements

Before a fellowship can be started, the individual must have received a Ph.D., DNSc., M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M., O.D., D.P.M., Sc.D., Eng.D., Dr. P.H., D.N.S., Pharm.D., D.S.W., Psy.D., or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Certification by an authorized official of the degree-granting institution that all degree requirements have been met is also acceptable. Individuals who will focus on human research requiring care delivery usually restricted to licensed individuals must provide current licensure in the State of Maryland prior to the commencement of research projects.

Sponsorship

The faculty sponsor will arrange with the business office for payment of stipends. The Center for Nursing Research will facilitate distribution of extramural grant awards. The applicant's sponsor will be an active investigator in the area of the proposed research who will directly supervise the candidate's research. The sponsor will house the fellow within their assigned research space and provide access to computers, phone, equipment, etc., as needed.

Period of Support

It is suggested that the period of support be 2 years; however the duration of fellowship is ultimately the responsibility of the faculty sponsor.

Characteristics of Programs

The proposed training must be within the scope of the sponsor's research and must offer an opportunity for individuals to broaden their scientific background or to extend their potential for research in health-related areas. For those who have a health professional degree, the proposed training may be part of a research degree program.

Individuals are required to pursue their research training on a full-time basis, (devoting at least 40 hours per week) to the training program. Research clinicians must devote full-time to their proposed research training and must restrict clinical duties within their full-time research training experience to activities that are directly related to the research training experience.

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Stipends provided by faculty for the post-doctoral fellow will be awarded in accordance with the current NIH standard (<http://www.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm>). Stipends from other sources will be individually determined. Compensation awarded will be monitored in accordance with University and School of Nursing accounting policies.

Approval

Notification of intent to employ a post-doctoral fellow, should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Dean for Post Doctoral Programs and Research at least at 60 days prior to the start date. The request should include the CV of prospective fellow, source and amount of financial support, and research space requirements.