National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research  
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Concept Clearance for PAR

**NHGRI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Transition Award to Promote Diversity (F99/K00)**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the NHGRI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award is to support a defined pathway across career stages for outstanding graduate students from diverse backgrounds, specifically those from groups underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences. This two-phase award will facilitate completion of the doctoral dissertation and transition of talented graduate students to genomics-related research postdoctoral positions. The award will provide career development opportunities relevant to their long-term career goal of becoming independent researchers in areas within NHGRI’s mission - genome sciences, genomic medicine, and genomics and society.

**New or renewal/modified initiative:** New initiative

**Application Due Date(s):** March

**Award Budget:**
- Stipends (F99) same as for the F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) fellows
- Salary (K00) commensurate with institutional salary structure for postdoctoral fellow.
- Tuition and Fees (F99) same as for the F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) fellows
- Tuition and Fees (K00) 60% of tuition or up to $4,500 per year
- Institutional Allowance (F99) same as for the F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) fellows
- Other Program Related Expenses (K00) $20,000
- Travel F99 $3,000 / K00 $3,000 (Participants funded under this award will be expected to attend and present their research at the NHGRI Research Training and Career Development Annual Meeting.)

**Award Project Period:** For the F99/K00 award, individuals may receive up to 5 years combined support for both phases, which includes up to 2 years in the F99 fellowship phase and up to 3 years in the K00 career development phase.

**Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator):**
For the purposes of this FOA individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities as described in NOT-OD-20-031 are the only eligible individuals for this award.

F99 awardees are required to pursue their research training on a full-time basis. The applicant must be currently enrolled in a PhD or equivalent research degree program in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical or ELSI related disciplines at a domestic institution. At the time of award, the applicant is expected to require no more than 2 years to complete their doctoral or dual-degree training (F99 phase) before transitioning to mentored postdoctoral research training (K00 phase).

**Mechanism of Support:** F99/K00