



POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS AT THE NIH NIGMS Postdoctoral Research Associate (PRAT) Program

PROGRAM

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>

RESEARCH

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.

ELIGIBILITY

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, 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 will have no more than 2 years of postdoctoral experience at NIH by the time of appointment to the PRAT program.

PRECEPTORS

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>. Note – Each preceptor may be the primary Sponsor on only one Fi2 application in the same review cycle but may be a co-Sponsor on additional applications.

APPLICATION

Applicants to the NIGMS PRAT program must apply to the NIH Fi2 funding mechanism - <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-130.html>. The format of the NIH Fi2 application models the NIH NRSA/F32 individual postdoctoral fellowship award.

LOCATION

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

TIMETABLE

October 3, 2017	Applications must be received by 5:00 pm
February-March 2018	Scientific review of applications
April-May 2018	Finalist interviews; summary statements available
Late summer/early fall 2018	Earliest start date for new PRAT fellows

APPOINTMENT

Appointments are made at competitive salary levels, commensurate with experience and recognition of selection for this program.

INFORMATION

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