Purpose:

This program provides short-term research support to underrepresented minority undergraduate and graduate students and students in health professional schools to provide them with career opportunities in cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematologic and sleep disorders research.

This grant is intended to introduce students to research that would not otherwise be available through their regular course of studies. For graduate students, this may include graduate students in programs, such as mathematics and computer science, where they would not normally be exposed to biomedical research or minority graduate students who may need a specialized research experience to supplement their normal graduate education.

Eligibility:

Underrepresented minority ethnic groups include but are not limited to Blacks, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders.

Trainees must have successfully completed at least one undergraduate year at an accredited school or university (including baccalaureate schools of nursing) or have successfully completed one semester at a school of medicine, optometry, osteopathy, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, or public health, or an institution with an accredited graduate program, prior to participating in the program.

Must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or legal permanent residents (i.e., in possession of the Alien Registration Receipt Card, I-155, or other legal verification of such status).

Individuals on temporary or student visas and individuals holding Ph.D., M.D., D.V.M. or equivalent doctoral degrees in the health sciences are not eligible.

Research Experience:

The grant provides training experiences of two to three consecutive months combined with mentoring by experienced researchers and exposes talented students to the various possibilities in pursuing a biomedical or behavioral research career. In addition to the research experience, institutions provide enrichment activities such as research forums, guest lectures, student presentations, special courses, or social activities.