

FACT SHEET

National Research Service Awards Institutional Health Services Research Training Programs

Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research

AHRQ's mission is to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care by:

- Using evidence to improve health care.
- Improving health care outcomes through research.
- Transforming research into practice.

Purpose

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) provides support to 28 U.S. academic institutions through the National Research Service Award (NRSA) grant program that offers advanced training to students with a strong interest in health services research careers.

Background

AHRQ's mission is to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. The Agency's research portfolios contribute to improving the quality of health care for all Americans and address:

- Patient safety
- Health information technology
- Comparative effectiveness
- Prevention and care management
- Value
- Innovations and emerging issues

The Program

Through the NRSA grant program, AHRQ provides support to institutions for developing health services research training opportunities. In turn, these institutions provide stipends and partial tuition coverage for predoctoral and postdoctoral students for 1 to 5 years.

Curriculum requirements, educational approaches, content specialization, and length of support may vary by institution.

All programs combine a mix of coursework with topical and career-development seminars, mentoring, and hands-on research experience.

Participating institutions are listed on the next page.



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NRSA Institutional Training Programs AHRQ Supports

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, AL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New England Medical Center-Tufts University Boston, MA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandeis University Waltham, MA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown University Providence, RI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northwestern University Chicago, IL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of California, Los Angeles/RAND Los Angeles, CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oregon Health and Science University Portland, OR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Chicago Chicago, IL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weill Cornell Medical College New York, NY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Rochester Rochester, NY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke University Durham, NC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stanford University Stanford, CA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvard University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Children’s Hospital – School of Medicine Boston, MA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, TX
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indiana University-Purdue Indianapolis, IN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johns Hopkins University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – School of Medicine – School of Public Health Baltimore, MD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Washington Seattle, WA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yale University New Haven, CT

NRSA Program Eligibility

Specific institutional requirements vary, but minimum requirements include the following:

Residency. Applicants for NRSA fellowships must, at the time of award, be citizens of the United States, noncitizen nationals, or noncitizens who have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence and have in their possession an Alien Registration Receipt Card I-551 or I-151 or other legal verification of such status. Individuals on temporary or student visas may not apply.

Educational Requirements. Predoctoral students must have earned a baccalaureate degree. Postdoctoral students must possess a Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., Sc.D., Dr.P.H., D.Pharm., or equivalent doctoral degree. Support is not provided for education leading to an M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D., or equivalent health professional degree for residency training.

How to Apply

For complete information, contact the institution directly.

Additional Information

Program descriptions and contact information for the AHRQ institutional training programs can be found on AHRQ’s Web site at: www.ahrq.gov/fund/training/t32.htm.

