



SAVE THE DATE: June 4-7, 2013

What: The Mary Frances Picciano Dietary Supplement Research Practicum
Where: National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland
Sponsor: Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Overview

The Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is offering a 4-day educational opportunity to provide fundamental knowledge of dietary supplements to faculty, students, and practitioners with a serious interest in this subject. This intensive practicum will provide a thorough overview and grounding about issues, concepts, unknowns, and controversies about dietary supplements and supplement ingredients. It will also emphasize the importance of scientific investigations to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and value of these products for health promotion and disease prevention as well as how to carry out this type of research. Participants will also meet with various stakeholders—the dietary supplement industry, consumer advocacy groups, and media—who study, advocate, regulate, or educate about dietary supplements. Participants will also have the option to take a guided tour of the NIH.

Eligibility

This practicum is open to selected faculty, students, and practitioners in health-related disciplines such as nutrition, food science, pharmacology and pharmacognosy, exercise/kinetics, medicine, dentistry, nursing, and complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). Primary candidates are full-time academic faculty, doctoral students, postdocs, and fellows. Applications will also be accepted from health care providers and scientists with a master's degree or higher whose work involves dietary supplements, masters-level students, and students in schools of medicine and dentistry and nursing.

Dates/Location

The practicum will be held **Tuesday, June 4 through Friday, June 7, 2013**, at the Natcher Conference Center on the main NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

Costs

There is no cost to attend the practicum itself. However, room, board, and transportation expenses are the responsibility of each participant. Travel awards will be available to students only (including postdocs and fellows no more than five years after receiving their doctorates) to help defray the costs of travel, accommodations, and meals.

Application Process: See the practicum Web site for details on how to apply, beginning in early January 2013 at <http://odspracticum.od.nih.gov>.

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