

1. Program Characteristics:

Objectives, design, and direction of the research training program—including the probability of achieving stated goals.

Substantive and methodological content of the proposed program and its relevance to the Program Objectives noted above, including relevant descriptions of courses and experiential opportunities offered and/or required.

The extent to which proposed approaches address areas in need of research given changes in the health care delivery system.

2. Program Support and Organizational Structure and Plans

The institutional training environment, including the level of institutional commitment, quality of the facilities, availability of appropriate courses, and availability of research support.

Caliber of preceptors as researchers, including successful research support;

Organizational structure of the proposed training program, including delineation of administrative responsibilities for planning, oversight, and evaluation.

Demonstration of cooperation by any proposed collaborating facilities, institutions, or departments in providing research experiences and/or sites for trainees, including (where applicable) documentation of mechanisms by which trainees will be integrated into the ongoing primary medical care research activities of other entities.

When appropriate, the concomitant research training of health-professional postdoctorates (e.g., individuals with the M.D., D.O., D.D.S./D.M.D., etc.) with basic science postdoctorates (e.g., individuals with a Ph.D., etc.) or linkages with basic science department.

Demonstration of extent to which and ways in which HRSA support will be (has been in the past) leveraged through the use of other Federal and private resources to maximize primary medical care research training within the institution.

Availability of other relevant support.

3. Trainee Recruitment & Retention Plans

Recruitment and selection plans for trainees and the availability of high-quality candidates, including minority trainees (see below for details).

When appropriate, record of the research training program in retaining health-professional postdoctoral trainees for at least 2 years in research training or other research activities.

4. Program Record and Evaluation Plans

Past research training record of both the program and the designated preceptors as determined by the success of former trainees in seeking further career development and in establishing productive scientific careers. Evidence of further career development can include receipt of fellowships, career awards, a prestigious training appointment, and similar accomplishments. Evidence of a productive scientific career can include a record of successful competition for individual research grants, receipt of special honors, a record of publications, receipt of patents, promotion to prestigious positions in academe, industry, or health policy and any other appropriate measure of success consistent with the nature and duration of the training received.

Record of the research training program in recruiting and retaining trainees, noting past annual success rates in filling committed slots.

Proposed methods for monitoring and evaluating performance of trainees and the overall program, record of trainees in obtaining individual research awards or fellowships following training, and in establishing careers in primary medical care research.

5. Budget

Reasonableness of the proposed budget, including number and levels of trainees, in relation to the research training.

For additional information, please contact: Enrique Fernandez, M.D., Division of Medicine, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 9A-20, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-1467, FAX: (301) 443-8890.

Dated: December 3, 1997.

Claude Earl Fox,

Acting Administrator.

[FR Doc. 97-32279 Filed 12-9-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-15-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Final Review Criterion for Grants for Primary Care Training Programs for Fiscal Year 1998

Grants for Primary Care Training programs are authorized under sections 747(a) and (b), 748, 750 and 751, title VII of the Public Health Service Act, as

amended by the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102-408, dated October 13, 1992. These grant programs include:

Grants for Predoctoral Training in Family Medicine
Grants for Faculty Development in Family Medicine
Grants for Graduate Training in Family Medicine
Grants for Establishment of Departments of Family Medicine
Grants for Residency Training in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics
Grants for Faculty Development in General Internal Medicine and General Pediatrics
Grants for Physician Assistant Training
Grants for Podiatric Primary Care Residency Training

A notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 62 FR 46502 on September 3, 1997, for a review criterion for the above-referenced programs. No comments were received within the 30 day comment period. Therefore, the review criterion remains as proposed.

Final Review Criterion

The following criterion has been added to the existing review criteria established in 61 FR 52034 on October 4, 1996:

5. Project impact/influence in shaping the curriculum, program, department, institution and the community.

The review criterion is finalized in this combined notice, rather than individual program announcements, to provide consistent review of all primary care medical education grant applications.

If additional information is needed, please contact: Enrique Fernandez, M.D., Division of Medicine, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 9A-20, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-1467, FAX: (301) 443-8890.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

Claude Earl Fox,

Acting Administrator.

[FR Doc. 97-32280 Filed 12-9-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-15-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; List of Petitions Received

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.