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§ 63.1 To what programs do these regulations apply?

(a) The regulations in this part apply to research traineeships awarded by each Director of a national research institute of NIH, the Director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the Director of the National Center for Human Genome Research (NCHGR), the Director of the Office of Alternative Medicine, or designees pursuant to sections 404E(d)(2), 405(b)(1)(C), 472, and 485B of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

(b) The regulations of this part do not apply to research training which is part of the National Research Service Award Program provided under 42 CFR part 66, the Mental Health Traineeship Program provided under 42 CFR part 64a, or residency training of physicians or other health professionals.

§ 63.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Act means the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*).

Award means an award of funds under sections 404E(d)(2), 405(b)(1)(C), 472, or 485B of the Act, or other sections of the Act which authorize research training or traineeships.

Awardee means an individual awarded a traineeship under sections 404E(d)(2), 405(b)(1)(C), 472, or 485B of the Act, or other sections of the Act which authorize research training or traineeships.

Director means the director of one of the national research institutes of NIH specified in section 401(b)(1) of the Act, the Director of the National Library of Medicine, the Director of the National Center for Human Genome Research, the Director of the Office of Alternative Medicine, or any official of NIH to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

HHS means the Department of Health and Human Services.

NIH means the National Institutes of Health.

PHS means the Public Health Service.

Traineeship means an award of funds under section 404E(d)(2), 405(b)(1)(C), 472, or 485B of the Act, or other sections of the Act authorizing research training or traineeships, and the regulations of this part, to a qualified individual for the person's subsistence and other expenses during a period in which the awardee is acquiring the research training approved under the award.

§ 63.3 What is the purpose of traineeships?

The purpose of an NIH research traineeship is to provide support for financial subsistence to an individual during a period in which the awardee is acquiring training in:

(a) Basic and/or clinical biomedical or behavioral research relating to human health, including extending healthy life and reducing the burdens of illness, or

(b) Medical library science or related fields pertaining to sciences related to health or the communication of health sciences information.

Traineeships are intended to make available in the United States an increased number of persons having special competence in these research fields through developmental training and practical research experience in the facilities of NIH, with supplemental training at other qualified institutions (see § 63.8(a)).

§ 63.4 What are the minimum qualifications for awards?

Minimum qualifications for any traineeship shall be established by the Director and shall be uniformly applicable to all applicants in each traineeship program. These minimum qualifications may include requirements as to citizenship, medical standards, academic degrees, professional or other training or experience, and other factors as may be necessary to the fulfillment of the purpose of the traineeship. The Director may, as a matter of general policy or, in individual cases, waive compliance with any minimum qualification so established to the extent that the applicant or applicants have substantially equivalent qualifications or have such special training, experience or opportunity for service as to make an award particularly appropriate, and to the extent the Director finds it is consistent