

NIMH/NINR Mentorship Program: Building the Capacity of Psychiatric Mental-Health Nurse Researchers

Purpose: To support the career development of outstanding psychiatric-mental health nurse researchers in the area of behavioral change in the care of psychiatric populations.

Eligibility: Candidates must be doctorally prepared nurses with career goals of becoming independent investigators, or be established researchers interested in changing their focus to studying behavioral change in psychiatric populations.

Format: Phase I - Technical Assistance workshop on grant writing and navigating a research career trajectory in the area of behavioral change related to psychiatric populations. Presentations will include the science of behavioral change: models and methods for studying change in psychiatric populations; and issues of grantsmanship, including similarities and differences in applications to NINR and NIMH. Announcement of request for applications (i.e., concept paper) for Phase II of project. Deadline for submission of concept paper for eligibility for Phase II: Aug 1, 2001.

Who: Postdoctoral nurse investigators

What: Technical Assistance Workshop

Where: Washington, DC

When: June 5, 2001

Phase II - Mentorship program. Sixteen - twenty individuals will be selected for the mentorship program based on the quality and potential demonstrated in a 10 page basic-behavioral-science, clinical, or services research proposal. The proposed area of research must have intrinsic importance to the area of behavioral change related to psychiatric populations. Selected participants will receive modest support to work with mentors, who are nationally-recognized experts in the participants' research areas of interest, to develop formal grant proposals for ultimate submission to NIMH or NINR.

Who: Candidates from Phase I

What: Mentorship Program

When: October 1, 2001 - August 1, 2002

Phase III - Mock review of formal grant proposal

Who: Phase II participants and mentors

What: Mock Review

Where: Washington, DC

When: September, 2002

Funds Available: Phase I of the program will be open to all interested parties at their own expense. The overall project is cofunded by NIMH and NINR.