

NCI Funding Opportunities to Increase Diversity in Cancer Research

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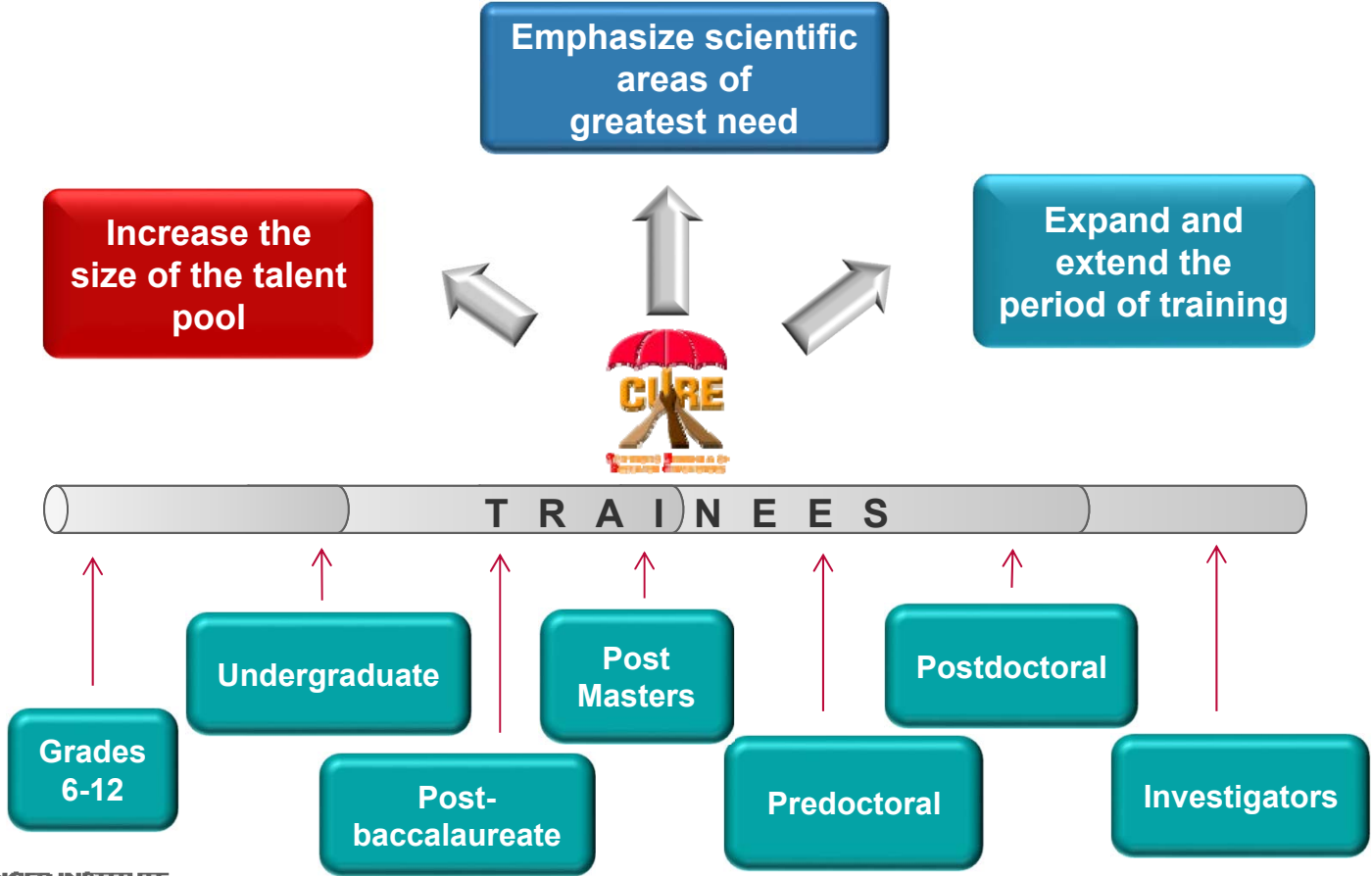
Diversity Training Branch

NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

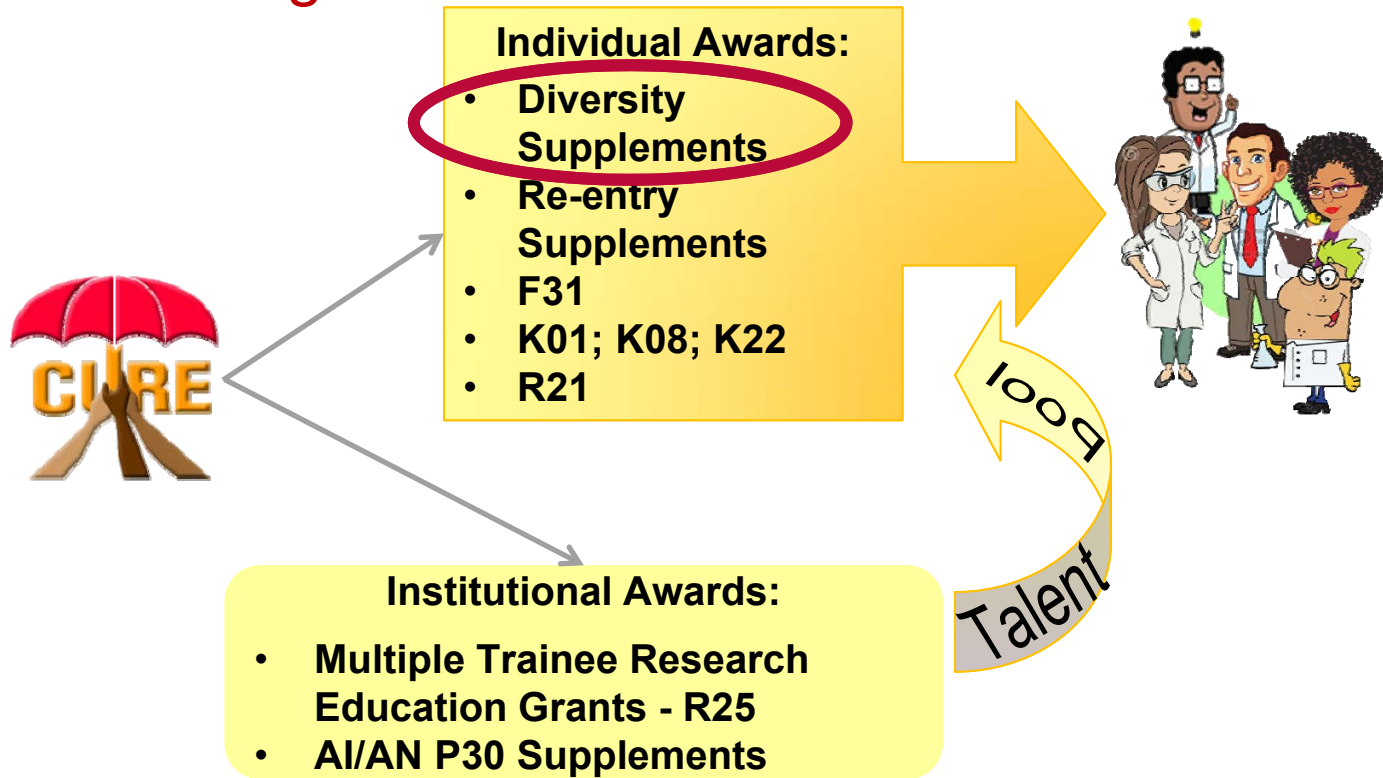


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Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE)



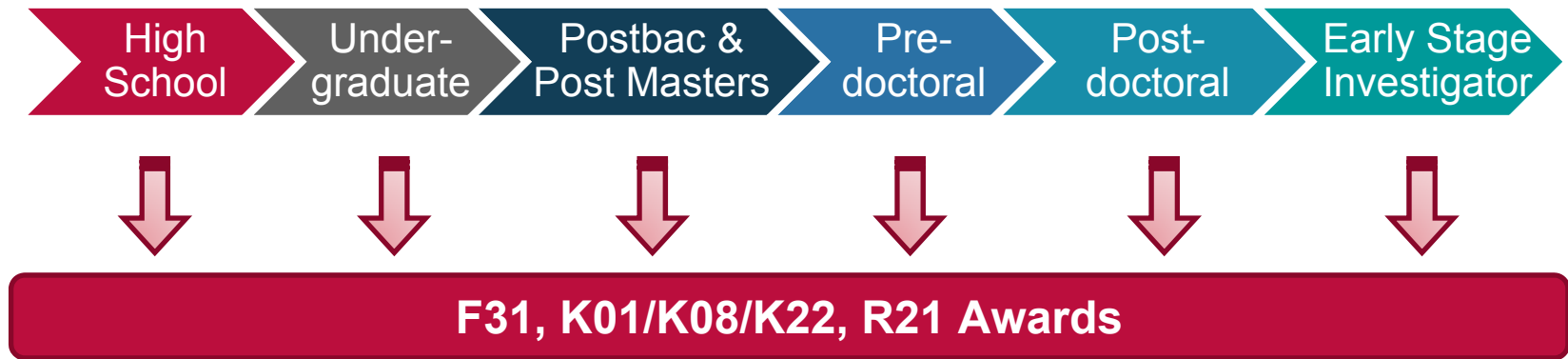
CURE Funding Mechanisms



Goal: To help trainees achieve scientific independence and self-sustainability

Diversity Supplements Serve as a Bridge

- Provide additional funding to currently active NIH grants (parent grants) to support research experiences of trainees
- Parent grant must have at least two years of active status at the time of supplement application;
- Application receipt: Oct 1 – Dec 1 and Feb 1 – Mar 30



Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (PA-16-288, Diversity Supplements)

Individuals of
Different
Race/Ethnicity

Individuals with
Disability

Individuals from
Disadvantaged
Background

US citizens or Permanent Residents

- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-288.html>
- <http://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/crchd/diversity-training/cure/DSGuidelines>
- <http://crchd.cancer.gov>

Diversity Supplements: Special Eligibility Criteria for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

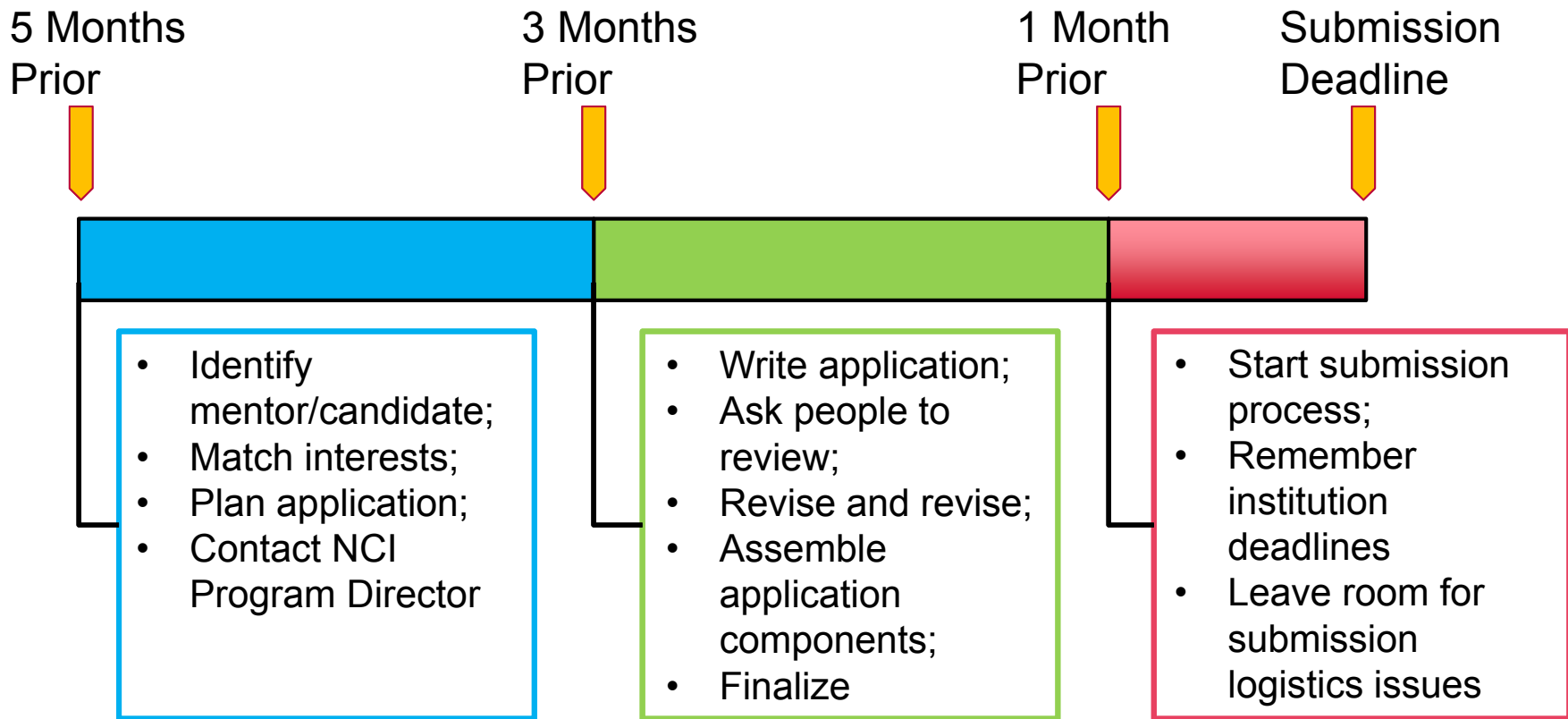


- **No concurrent PHS support for graduate student or postdoctoral fellow candidate at the time of application:**
 - Cannot be supported by parent grant;
 - If coming off of institutional training grant, need letter from institution.
- **AFTER application submission:**
 - Can be supported by the parent grant at the recipient's own risk, pending funding decision of supplement application.

What Do We Look for in a Supplement Application?

Candidate	Mentoring and Career Development Plan	Research Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motivation• Accomplishments• Career goals• Eligibility statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scientific proficiency and mentoring expertise of mentor(s)• Defined role(s) and commitment of mentor(s)• Training of career skills• Clear benchmarks• Candidate-specific plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevancy to Parent Grant project• Scientific impact on Parent Grant project• Research design and feasibility• Alignment with candidate's career goals

Sample Time Line for Preparing a Supplement Application



Tips for Grant Applications:

- Find NIH grants and funding information:
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>
- Visit NIH extramural diversity website:
<https://extramural-diversity.nih.gov>
- Learn about peer review at NIH Center of Scientific Review:
<https://public.csr.nih.gov/ApplicantResources/Pages/default.aspx>



General Tips for Funding Success

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- Know NCI's mission
 - Understand application and review process
 - Find mentors and collaborators
 - Improve writing skills
 - Contact Program Directors early
 - Make use of available resources

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<http://crchd.cancer.gov>



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