NIA’s MD-PhD Training Program in Alzheimer’s Disease and Its Related Dementias and the Behavioral and Social Sciences is designed to help strengthen the pipeline of physician-scientist leaders dedicated to using social and behavioral science approaches to addressing the nation’s challenges posed by Alzheimer’s disease and its related dementias (AD/ADRD). This FOA provides support to eligible domestic institutions to develop and implement effective approaches to integrated dual-degree training leading to the award of both an MD and a research doctorate degree (PhD or equivalent). This FOA invites applications from institutions with externally funded grants in the social/behavioral sciences that are relevant to the research topics proposed under this FOA. Fields of graduate training that are responsive to this FOA are economics, health economics, health services research, public policy, healthcare policy, social work, demography, sociology, social epidemiology, and psychology. Integrated medical and graduate research training programs may be built around single disciplines or may be multidisciplinary, may be flexible in structure, and should be consistent with individual institutional strengths. Proposed training programs should be flexible and adaptable in providing each trainee with the appropriate background in the social/behavioral sciences relevant to AD/ADRD research and clinical practice, yet be rigorous enough to enable graduates to function independently in both basic social/behavioral science research and clinical investigation.

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) does not allow appointed Trainees to lead an independent clinical trial but does allow them to obtain research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- The sponsoring institution must assure support for the proposed program. Appropriate institutional commitment to the program includes the provision of adequate staff, facilities, and educational resources that can contribute to the planned program.
- The applicant institution(s) must have externally funded grants in the social/behavioral sciences that are relevant to AD/ADRD and to the research topics proposed under this FOA in which participating trainees may gain relevant experiences consistent with their research interests and goals.
- The applicant institution(s) must have the requisite faculty, staff, potential trainees, and facilities on site to conduct the proposed institutional program.
- At least one PDs/PI should be an established investigator in the target scientific area, capable of providing both administrative and scientific leadership to the development and implementation of the proposed program.
- For additional eligibility information on preceptors/mentors and trainees, see the eligibility section in the FOA.

Internal Nomination Process:

Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Proposal (maximum of two pages of text only, single spaced: 12-pt font and one-inch margins) (Note: figures, tables, and other reference material may be included in addition to the 2 pg. text limit)
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Budget (two pages maximum)

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