

STATEMENT OF IRTA PROGRAM PROVISIONS

A. PROGRAM PURPOSE

IRTA Traineeships are established for the principal benefit of the participant and are designed to provide opportunities for developmental training and practical research experience in a variety of disciplines related to biomedical research, medical library research, and related fields.

Trainees may not engage in primary patient care activities, (any clinically-related activity MUST explicitly be under the direct supervision and control of an NIH employee physician), be assigned supervisory responsibility, or sign documents on behalf of the Government (e.g., requisitions).

B. PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Traineeships are available only to the following U.S. citizens or resident aliens:

(verification required as described in Appendix 6, IC Administration)

- **(Postdoctoral)** - Individuals who possess a Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.V.M., or equivalent degree in a biomedical, behavioral, or related science and 5 years or fewer of professional level, relevant postdoctoral research experience and up to 2 additional years of experience not oriented towards research (i.e., clinical training for physicians); **or**
- **(Predoctoral)** - Students enrolled in Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.V.M., or equivalent degree programs at fully accredited U.S. universities, (which frequently involves dissertation research), is undertaken as an integral part of the student's ongoing academic preparation and is credited towards completion of degree requirements; or students who have written permission of their school either to delay entrance for up to 1 year, or to interrupt their current schooling and return as a M.D. or Ph.D. candidate within 1 year, **or**
- **(Postbaccalaureate)** - Individuals who have graduated, no more than 1-year prior to the Traineeship activation date, from an accredited college or U.S. university and intend to apply to an accredited U.S. university graduate or medical school program within the next year; **or**
- **(Technical)** - Individuals who have graduated from an accredited college or U.S. university with a bachelor's or master's degree in any discipline; **or**
- **(Student)** - Students who are at least 16 years of age and enrolled at least half-time in high school or have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or U.S. university and are in good academic standing.

C. DURATION

1. Initial Traineeship commitments may be made in increments of 1-month to 2-years, in accordance with the applicable IRTA component.
2. Renewals may be granted in accordance with provisions of the applicable component's maximum duration and may be processed in increments of 1-month to 1-year.
3. Trainees may be terminated prior to their specified expiration date for scientific or other forms of misconduct, interpersonal incompatibility, failure to comply with terms of the Traineeship or to carry out or satisfy the purpose for which it was made. When termination is proposed for such reasons, the Trainee will be given an opportunity to address these reasons before a decision is rendered.

Traineeships may also be terminated due to programmatic changes, budgetary constraints, lack of funds, or other administrative reasons. Trainees are not given an opportunity to make reply for such reasons.