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AHRQ NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARD INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING T32 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (RFA-HS-22-010)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WEBINAR

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Agenda



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AHRQ's Mission



- **Produce scientific evidence that makes healthcare:**
 - ▶ Safer
 - ▶ Higher quality
 - ▶ More accessible
 - ▶ Equitable
 - ▶ Affordable
- **Achieve science and implementation missions through partnerships:**
 - ▶ Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Agencies
 - ▶ Non-Governmental groups and professional associations
 - ▶ Healthcare systems and industry

Aligned With President's and HHS Priorities



- **Transform our healthcare system for the better**
- Dismantle structural racism to achieve equity
- Respond to COVID-19 pandemic
 - ▶ ***Long COVID***
- Improve maternal healthcare
- Expand access to high-quality, affordable healthcare
 - ▶ Respond to the opioid crisis
 - ▶ Integrate behavioral & mental healthcare
- Understand the impact of climate change on the delivery of healthcare

AHRQ's Unique Federal Role



- **Making 21st century care a reality for all**
 - ▶ Partners focus on developing cures
 - ▶ Biomedical science necessary but insufficient
- **AHRQ's unique authorities focus on healthcare improvement**
- Science-based Evidence – dissemination and implementation necessary for improving healthcare
- Using partnerships with the private sector and other government agencies

**AHRQ is to healthcare systems as
CDC is to public health systems**

AHRQ Improves Healthcare Delivery



- **Generating scientific knowledge and evidence:** Funding health services research to understand how care is delivered and how it can be delivered better (quality, safety, equity, value)
- **Moving evidence into practice:** Developing tools, training, resources, and (non-regulatory, non-punitive) assistance
- **Monitoring and feedback:** Measurement, data, analytics, and reporting

NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

About the National Research Service Award Program



The overall goal of the NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the Nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs.

AHRQ will award NRSA Institutional Research Training Grants to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained behavioral, social, and organizational sciences, engineering, biostatistics, clinical sciences, and health services researchers are available to advance the scientific disciplines and to address the mission of AHRQ.

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- ▶ Supports the research training of pre- and post-doctoral fellows who are interested in careers in health services, behavioral, and clinical research that are relevant to the AHRQ mission.
- ▶ Research training programs will incorporate didactic, research and career development elements to prepare individuals for careers that will have a significant impact on the health care needs of the Nation.
- ▶ AHRQ strongly supports diversity of institutions and trainees and encourages minority serving institutions to apply.

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- ▶ Approximately \$9M to support institutional training grant awards.
- ▶ Project period is five years.
- ▶ Please refer to the funding announcement for information on trainee slot limits and other award budget information (e.g., trainee stipends, travel, childcare cost allowance, training related expenses, and indirect costs).

APPLICANT REMINDERS AND KEY DATES

Reminders for Applicants



- Programs should align with AHRQ's mission and priorities.
- Build upon your institutional strengths, capabilities, and infrastructure.
- Carefully review the Scored Review Criteria.

Key Dates

- October 14, 2022—Letter of Intent Due
- December 1, 2022—Application Due
- February 2023—Peer review
- July 1, 2023—Earliest Start Date

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Additional Resources



- For more information on the AHRQ NRSA program including a description of the current T32 programs:

<https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/training-grants/nrsa>

- Slides will be posted to the AHRQ Notice of Funding Opportunities page:

<https://www.ahrq.gov/funding/fund-ops/index.html>

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AHRQ in the Professional Literature

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Opioid Use Among Non-Elderly Adults, by Health Status

	2015-2016	2018-2019
Excellent	6.7%	3.9%
Very Good	10.6%	6.4%
Good	15.1%	10.3%
Fair	28.7%	21.5%
Poor	45.4%	36.8%

Regardless of health status, the average annual percentage of adults younger than 65 who had any use of opioids was lower in 2018-19 than in 2015-16

Source: <https://www.ahrq.gov/pubs/atoe/elderly-overview/>

Access more on this topic in the associated [data visualization](#), plus additional AHRQ [data infographics](#).

Today's Headlines:

Medicaid and accelerated approval: spending on drugs with and without proven clinical benefits. Sachs RE, Jazowski SA, Gavrilc KA, et al. *J Health Polit Policy Law*. Epub 2022 Jul 14. Access the [abstract](#) on PubMed®.

Therapeutic hyperthermia is associated with improved survival in afebrile critically ill patients with sepsis: a pilot randomized trial. Drewry AM, Mohr NM, Abiordepey EA, et al. *Crit Care Med*. 2022 Jun;50(6):924-34. Epub 2022 Feb 7. Access the [abstract](#) on PubMed®.

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