

Research Fellowship Programs

Academic Year 2016-2017

HRSA is the primary federal agency for improving health care to people who are geographically isolated or economically or medically vulnerable. HRSA programs help those in need of high quality primary health care by supporting the training of health professionals – focusing in particular on the geographical distribution of providers to areas where they are needed most.

The Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award in Primary Care (NRSA) and the Physician Faculty Development in Primary Care (PFD) programs are aimed at supporting research fellowships. The purpose of NRSA is to prepare qualified individuals for careers that will have a significant impact on the Nation’s primary care research agenda and ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available to assume leadership roles in the area of primary health care research. The purpose of the PFD program is to support initiatives that prepare physicians to teach in primary care disciplines or in community-based settings. Below is a descriptive summary of the characteristics and accomplishments of awardee programs and trainees who received NRSA and PFD support during Academic Year 2016-2017.

Select Program Characteristics

Program Name	Awardees	Trainees	Trainee Characteristics				Graduates/ Program Completers
			Underrepresented Minority (URM)		Disadvantaged		
NRSA	24	106	15	14.2%	11	10.4%	37
PFD	14	130	25	19.2%	11	8.5%	52

National Research Service Award in Primary Care (NRSA)

- NRSA fellows authored 234 presentations at professional conferences and published 194 articles related to primary care.
- Fellows were awarded 1 education grant and 48 research grants, 13 of which were greater than \$100,000.
- NRSA awardees developed or enhanced 167 curricular activities.
- Faculty and fellows delivered 71 courses to more than 700 individuals.
- The majority of program completers intended to conduct research (95 percent), practice in primary care (65 percent), and/or teach (51 percent).
- Nearly 73 percent of prior year graduates were employed in academic institutions.

Physician Faculty Development in Primary Care (PFD)

- PFD fellows and faculty made 175 presentations at professional conferences and published 96 articles related to primary care.
- PFD trainees were awarded 8 education grants and 24 research grants, of which 17 were greater than \$100,000.
- PFD awardees offered 76 faculty development programs and activities to more than 1,200 faculty-level physicians.
- The majority of program completers intended to practice in a primary care setting (67 percent) and/or teach (64 percent).

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