

A Teaching Post-doc Program:

Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Awards (IRACDA) (K12)

IRACDA combines a traditional mentored postdoctoral research experience with an opportunity to develop teaching skills through mentored assignments at a minority-serving institution. The program is expected to facilitate the progress of postdoctoral candidates toward research and teaching careers in academia. Other goals are to provide a resource to motivate the next generation of scientists at minority-serving institutions, and to promote linkages between research-intensive institutions and minority-serving institutions that can lead to further collaborations in research and teaching.

Applications must be submitted on behalf of a consortium of domestic, private or public, educational institutions. The applicant institution should serve as the primary site of the postdoctoral research experience, and the consortium must include one or more minority-serving institutions. The minority-serving institution may be a public or private, 2- or 4-year college, university, or health professional school with a significant enrollment of underrepresented minority students.

The total project period may not exceed 5 years, and projects are renewable. Institutions that receive awards may recruit and select candidates directly into their programs rather than submitting a separate application on behalf of each prospective candidate. Applicants may request salary and fringe benefits to support the full-time effort of the candidates, as well as funds for tuition, fees, and books related to career development; supplies and other research expenses; travel to one training or scientific meeting per year; and statistical services, including personnel and computer time. Funds may also be requested to support mentoring activities at the minority-serving institution and program administration. As with other MORE grant programs, institutions are expected to set specific goals and measurable objectives against which they will be evaluated when they recompile for continued funding.

For more information about this award, see the *NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts*, June 16, 2006 (PAR06-470 found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-470.html>) or contact [Dr. Clifton A. Poodry](#) at 301-594-3900.