

# PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

## *Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research*

**PURPOSE:** This Predoctoral program supports behavioral scientists writing dissertations and pursuing careers in the area of drug use and misuse.

**THE RESEARCH AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE:** Predoctoral Fellows will develop knowledge of and skills in drug abuse research through hands-on experience and formal training. Dissertations may be on any topic related to drug abuse or infectious diseases related to drug abuse. Opportunities exist for working with senior project directors on current research projects. Examples of on-going projects include studies related to drug abuse and crime, intravenous drug use, HIV/AIDS, prenatal and maternal drug use, treatment of mentally ill drug abusers, teen drug use and psychosocial health, and evaluations of several treatment programs. Numerous data sets are available in these and other areas of drug abuse for developing thesis topics. In addition, Fellows may enroll at universities in the metropolitan area to take advanced courses on drug abuse research, related substantive topics, and research methodologies as deemed necessary to round out their professional expertise.

**BENEFITS:** Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$20,772, health insurance, tuition and fees at the university where they are pursuing their degree. Predoctoral Fellowship appointments are made for a period of 12 months and are renewable for up to 4 additional 12 month periods.

**SPONSOR:** The training program is sponsored by the Medical and Health Research Association of New York City, Inc. and is located at the National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. Both are private nonprofit research institutes with close ties to the Columbia University School of Public Health.

**APPLICATION:** Candidates interested in writing a dissertation on some aspect of drug abuse *and* with a serious interest in a career in drug abuse research should submit a letter of interest (describing thesis topic to the extent it has been formulated) and a curriculum vitae. Candidates who have completed their exams and are at the proposal writing or dissertation research stages are given preference. Minority candidates are especially encouraged to apply. U.S. citizenship or permanent resident (green card) status is required. Fellows must reside in the New York metropolitan area. Please visit our website, [www.ndri.org/jobs/bstinfo.html](http://www.ndri.org/jobs/bstinfo.html), for more information and application instructions.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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