Program of Study
This program allows students to pursue combined M.D./Ph.D. training with research conducted in one of the NIH Graduate Partnership Programs. During the research years, students can take advantage of the clinical and translational medicine resources of the NIH clinical center. Students in this program design innovative projects combining research conducted in an NIH intramural laboratory with a Ph.D. obtained from a U.S. or international university in a formal GPP or in partnership with a department at their medical school.

Stipend
Starting stipend is $24,800 (2006/7) while doing Ph.D. research. Stipend while in medical school is dependent on the institution. If accepted by a GPP and Medical School combined degree program, students would become eligible to receive the tuition and stipend benefits of the National MSTP through supplemental funding to existing programs administered by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS).

Student Group
5-10 new students per academic year

Eligibility
Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university, and must have undergraduate preparation sufficient for medical school. They must have an outstanding academic record and show exceptional promise for a career in biomedical research. Previous laboratory research experience and a clear plan for training and a career as a physician-scientist is a requirement for this program. Qualified students enrolled in medical schools are also encouraged to apply. Students currently enrolled in NIH GPP training also become eligible for this program if they are admitted to medical school as part of an integrated plan of M.D./Ph.D. training. Students receiving Rhodes, Marshall or Churchill Scholarships may combine training in the NIH-Oxford and NIH-Cambridge partnerships with MSTP training.

To be eligible to receive support for medical school, students must be accepted by a MSTP at one of the 41 U.S. medical schools receiving MSTP funding. See the following URL for a list of schools: http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Training/Mechanisms/NRSA/InstPredoc/PredocInst-MSTP.htm.

Application
Students wishing to be considered for this partnership must submit the GPP Application for Prospective PhD Students. Past research and reasons for pursuing combined-degree training should be discussed in the personal statement. Candidates already enrolled in NIH partnership programs will also be considered.

Deadline
On-Line application and supplemental material must be received by January 8, 2007.

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