

NIH F Award Workshop Series

A collaborative effort between Office of Research, PICR, and OGSPS

Who should attend?

- 2nd or 3rd-year PhD students (for the F31 award); MD/PhD students within 1-1.5 years into their PhD studies (for the F30 award); PhD Candidates or newer postdocs (for the F32 award), all U.S. citizens or permanent residents

Why apply for an F award?

- Receive a stipend (and have the tuition covered for F30/31)
- Improve critical grant writing and communication skills early on in career
- Establish new collaborations
- Align with the development of thesis projects

Why attend this workshop?

- *Have a competitive application ready for the April 2026 deadline*
- *Expert instructors*
 - Dr. Perry Kirkham, *Coordinator of NIH Research Development, Office of Research*
 - Rachel Higbee, *NSF Graduate Research Fellow, OGSPS Fellowship Writing Coach*
 - Guest speakers with review and award experience
- *Multiple reviews*
 - Drafts after each lecture will be reviewed by peer participants and instructors.
 - Drafts and final applications will be reviewed by each participant's mentor(s).
 - Final application packages will be reviewed by additional faculty members before submission.
 - Optional Mock Review Panel participation

Key Lecture Dates

September 23, 2025

Info Session: Fellowship and Workshop Series Overview

September 30, 2025

Topic 1: Specific Aims and Review Criteria

October 28, 2025

Topic 2: Research Strategy: Scientific Foundation & Rationale

December 2, 2025

Topic 3: Research Strategy: Approach

January 13, 2026

Topic 4: Candidate's Goals, Preparedness, Potential, etc.

February 10, 2026

Topic 5: Biosketch and Other Documents

April 8, 2026

Submission due

Register before September 16, 2025 at: <https://redcap.link/FWorkshop>

Questions: trainee-funding@purdue.edu