

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN F31 DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP?

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ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS ARE FROM ONE OR MORE OF THESE GROUPS:

INDIVIDUALS FROM RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS MARGINALIZED IN SCIENCE

- Black or African American,
- Hispanic or Latino,
- American Indian or Alaska Native,
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DISABLED/PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

- Disabled is defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS

Must meet two or more of the following criteria:

1. Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Definition: <https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/>);
2. Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families (Definition: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/focus-areas/foster-care/>);
3. Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines/>);
4. Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree (see <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2018/2018009.pdf>);
5. Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants (Definition: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/eligibility.html>);
6. Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements>).
7. Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>), or b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas (qualifying zipcodes are included in the file).

Only one of the two possibilities in #7 can be used as a criterion for the disadvantaged background definition.

Your F31 proposal needs a letter from your department chair or someone similar that certifies your eligibility for the diversity fellowship based on these criteria.