

IHS-856, 856-2, through 856-8, IHS-815, IHS-816, IHS-818, D-02, F-02, F-04, G-02, G-04, H-07, H-08, J-06, J-07, K-03, K-04, and L-03. Reporting formats are contained in an IHS Scholarship Program application booklet. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The IHS Scholarship Branch needs this information for program administration and uses the information to solicit, process and award IHS Pre-Graduate, Preparatory and/or Health

Professions Scholarship grantees and monitor the academic performance of awardees, to place awardees at payback sites, and for awardees to request additional program. The IHS Scholarship Program is streamlining the application to reduce the time needed by applicants to complete and provide the information, and plans on using information technology to make the application electronically available on the Internet.

Affected Public: Individuals, not-for-profit institutions and State, local or Tribal Government.

Type of Respondents: Students pursuing health care professions.

The table below provides: Types of data collection instruments, Estimated number of respondents, Number of responses per respondent, Annual number of responses, Average burden hour per response, and Total annual burden hour(s).

Data collection instrument(s)	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total annual response	Burden hour per response*	Annual burden hours
Scholarship Application (IHS-856)	875	1	875	1.50 (90 min)	1,312
Checklist (856-2)	875	1	875	0.13 (8 min)	114
Course Verification (856-3)	875	1	875	0.70 (42 min)	613
Faculty/Employer Application (856-4)	1,750	1	1,750	0.83 (50 min)	1,453
Justification (856-5)	875	1	875	0.75 (45 min)	656
Federal Debt (856-6)	875	1	875	0.13 (8 min)	114
MPH only (856-7)	50	1	50	0.83 (50 min)	42
Accept/Decline (856-8)	875	1	875	0.13 (8 min)	114
Stipend Checks (D-02)	100	1	100	0.13 (8 min)	13
Enrollment (F-02)	1,400	1	1,400	0.13 (8 min)	182
Academic Problem/Change (F-04)	100	1	100	0.13 (8 min)	13
Request Assistance (G-02)	217	1	217	0.13 (8 min)	28
Summer School (G-04)	193	1	193	0.10 (6 min)	19
Contract (818)	1,400	1	1,400	0.27 (16 min)	378
Placement (H-07)	250	1	250	0.18 (11 min)	45
Graduation (H-08)	250	1	250	0.17 (10 min)	43
Site Preference (J-04)	150	1	150	0.13 (8 min)	20
Travel Reimb (J-05)	150	1	150	0.10 (6 min)	15
Status Report (K-03)	250	1	250	0.25 (15 min)	63
Preferred Assignment (K-04)	200	1	200	0.75 (45 min)	150
Deferment (L-03)	20	1	20	0.13 (8 min)	3
Total	11,730				5,390

*For ease of understanding, burden hours are also provided in actual minutes.

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Your written comments and/or suggestions are invited on one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the information collection activity is necessary to carry out an agency function; (b) whether the agency processes the information collected in a useful and timely fashion; (c) the accuracy of public burden estimate (the estimated amount of time needed for individual respondents to provide the requested information; (d) whether the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimate are logical; (e) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (f) ways to minimize the public burden through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

SEND COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Send your written comments, requests for more

information on the proposed collection, or requests to obtain a copy of the data collection instrument(s) and instructions to: Mr. Lance Hodahkwen, Sr., M.P.H., IHS Reports Clearance Officer, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852-1601 or call non-toll free (301) 443-5938, send via facsimile to (301) 443-2316, or send your e-mail requests, comments, and return address to: lhodahkw@hqe.ihs.gov.

COMMENT DUE DATE: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before February 5, 2001.

Dated: November 29, 2000.

Michael H. Trujillo,

Assistant Surgeon General, Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection: Comment Request; Revision of OMB No. 0925-0001/exp.02/28/01, "Research and Research Training Grant Applications and Related Forms"

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of Extramural Research, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection

Title: Research and Research Training Grant Applications and Related Forms.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Revision, OMB 0925-0001, Expiration Date 02/28/01. Form

Numbers: PHS 398, 2590, 2271, 3734 and HHS 568.

Need and Use of Information

Collection: The application is used by applicants to request Federal assistance for research and research-related training. The other related forms are used for trainee appointment, final invention reporting, and to relinquish rights to a research grant.

Frequency of response: Applicants may submit applications for published receipt dates. If awarded, annual progress is reported and trainees may be appointed or reappointed.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Type of Respondents: Adult scientific professionals. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 114,407;

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1;

Average Burden Hours Per Response: 12.040; and

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 1,377,548. The estimated annualized cost to respondents is \$48,214,180.

Request for Comments

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Ms. Jan Heffernan, Division of Grants Policy, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration, NIH, Rockledge 1 Building, Room 1196, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7974, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435-

0940, or E-mail your request, including your address to: Heffernj@OD.NIH.GOV

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before February 5, 2001.

Dated: November 29, 2000.

Carol Tippery,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Call for Nominations for the National Cancer Institute Director's Liaison Group

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), the federal government's primary agency for cancer research, is seeking nominations for five new members of the NCI Director's Consumer Liaison Group (DCLG) who will be appointed in July 2001. The DCLG helps NCI to identify appropriate advocates to serve on its program and policy advisory committees, and it serves as a channel for consumer advocates to voice their views and concerns. The DCLG is a federal chartered advisory committee of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). It consists of 15 consumer advocates who are involved in cancer advocacy and who reflect the diversity among those whose lives are affected by cancer.

NCI brings together these advocates from many communities to advise and make recommendations to the Director, NCI from the consumer advocate perspective on a wide variety of issues, programs and research priorities. All DCLG members must be U.S. citizens. Specifically the DCLG members:

- Help develop and establish processes, mechanisms, and criteria for identifying appropriate consumer advocates to serve on a variety of program and policy advisory committees responsible for advancing the mission of the NCI.

- Serve as a primary forum for discussing issues and concerns and exchanging viewpoints that are important to the broad development of the NCI programmatic and research priorities.

- Establish and maintain strong collaborations between the NCI and the cancer advocacy community to reach common goals.

Eligibility Requirements for Individual Members

To serve on the DCLG, a member must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:

- Be involved in the cancer experience as a cancer survivor, a person affected by the suffering and consequences of cancer, or a professional or volunteer who works with survivors or those affected.
- Represent a constituency (formally or informally) with whom she or he communicates regularly on cancer issues and be able to serve as a conduit for information both to and from his/her constituency.

DCLG members must be committed to participating in all activities of the DCLG which includes at least two meetings a year in Bethesda.

Criteria for Evaluating Individual Candidates

Nominees who meet the minimum eligibility requirements will be further assessed based on the following criteria:

- Cancer Advocacy experience
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Ability to represent broad issues, think "globally"
- Ability to contribute to an effective group process
- Leadership ability

Characteristics of the DCLG

In addition to the criteria for individual candidates, the following characteristics of the DCLG as a group are intended to ensure that it reflects the breadth and diversity of the consumer advocacy community:

- Multicultural diversity
- A broad mix of cancer sites
- Representation of the medically underserved
- Men and women
- A range of organizations (local/regional and national)
- Age diversity
- Geographic diversity (rural/urban mix)

Selection Process

A call for nominations is disseminated annually to a broad range of groups, including local, regional and national organizations, to encourage nominations of candidates reflecting the diversity sought for the DCLG. All nominees are screened for eligibility, then evaluated according to the criteria. A list of highly qualified candidates who reflect balance and diversity of representation is forwarded to the Director, NCI, who selects the DCLG members. The original members of the DCLG endorsed this process, which will be used to select future members.