Stipend levels for the entire first year of support are determined by the number of full years of relevant postdoctoral experience when the award is issued. Relevant experience may include research experience (including industrial), teaching assistantship, internship, residency, clinical duties, or other time spent in a health-related field beyond that of the qualifying doctoral degree.

Institutional Allowance is intended to defray expenses for items such as research supplies, equipment, travel to scientific meetings, and health insurance. For details refer to the NIH Grants Policy Statement: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2013/nihgps_ch11.htm#_Toc271265069](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2013/nihgps_ch11.htm#_Toc271265069).

If applying for Tuition & Fees, don’t forget to include them in the “Total Estimated Project Funding” total above and also on the PHS Supplemental Form.