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**ABSTRACT:** The presentation will focus on applying to graduate and post-graduate career training grants from the NIH as well as research program grants. Examples and insight will focus primarily on the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease but are applicable to many of the NIH Institutes. Through the presentation and question and answer session, participants will learn more about the application process from idea initiation to summary statement receipt.

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