

**THE NORTHWEST CENTER
FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**



Education and Research Center
Serving Region X (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)
Located at the University of Washington

Welcome to the ERC

You have been selected to receive support from the Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (NWCOS), one of sixteen NIOSH-funded Education and Research Centers (ERC) in the U.S.A. This document provides you with the information you need to understand your role as an ERC trainee.

NIOSH traineeship eligibility--Students and medical residents enrolled in a teaching program are eligible to receive a NIOSH traineeship. The programs supported by the Washington ERC are:

- **Industrial Hygiene (IH),**
- **Occupational Health Nursing (OHN),**
- **Occupational Medicine (OM),**
- **Health Services Research Training (HSRT)**
- **Hazardous Substance Academic Training (HSAT)** students following the curriculum in the Environmental Health (EH) program.

Student support with a NIOSH traineeship varies with each program. Support can include a stipend, tuition, certain fees, student health insurance, and travel. Appointments for stipends can be made only to **full-time** students.

Required documents to be completed by ERC trainees

- **Statement of Training Appointment form (PHS 2271)**, commonly referred to as the SOA. You will receive this form either directly from your program (e.g., the IH or OHN program), or from the ERC central office. The SOA details the type and amount of support you will receive, as well as the start and end dates of your appointment. Following the instructions that come with the SOA, it is critical that you complete and return the SOA as soon as possible after you receive the form. We will then set up your support in the Payroll system.
- **OM residents**, in addition to the SOA, are required to complete:
 1. Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Payback Agreement (PHS 6031) at the beginning of the program, and a
 2. Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Termination Notice (PHS 2271) when completing the program.

Both of these forms will be provided to trainees by the Occupational Medicine Residency program.

ERC trainee requirements. Trainees must maintain satisfactory progress in their degree program. Additionally, trainees must attend the ERC Quarterly Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, and the Biomedical Research Integrity (BRI) Lecture Series on research ethics—see attached information.

Income from a NIOSH traineeship may be taxable. The stipend portion of a traineeship award may be taxable, depending on a trainee's tax situation and other school expenses. It is advisable for trainees to obtain IRS Publication 4, "Student's Guide to Federal Income Tax" and IRS Publication 520 on gift aid and tax requirements. The UW doesn't issue a W-2 or 1099 and does not withhold taxes on traineeships.

Foreign students are not eligible for federal training grant support, unless they have been admitted for permanent residence (I-551 or I-151 card).

Continuing Education for occupational health and safety professionals.

Students enrolled in our programs are welcome to attend these courses either in exchange for helping out, or for a reduced fee. For a course schedule, see

<http://depts.washington.edu/ehce/NWcenter/schedule.html>.

For more information please go to the Northwest Center for Occupational Health & Safety website:

<http://depts.washington.edu/nwcohs>

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