Search strategies to identify funded investigators at an institution and to find training programs

1. **Search for NIH-funded investigators at an institution** (for example, find who is conducting research, and what they are studying to identify an investigator who might support you on a diversity supplement):

   **Step 1:** Enter the institution name (or unique word and RePORTER will provide the rest) under “Organization” and click “Lookup”

   Example: You want to know about researchers at Indiana University. Enter “Indiana” and organizations appear in left side box; scroll and select particular institution (Indiana University, Bloomington, IN) and the name will fill the “organization” box.

   **Step 2:** Click “Submit Query” at bottom of page

   This search example resulted in 123 entries, displayed alphabetically by project leader (see partial results, below). Scan the project titles and leaders. Click on the title and read the abstract. Consider visiting the institutional web pages of the Project Leader to learn more about the lab, and contact the PI to discuss potential research opportunities.
2. Search for all the institutions that have an NIH training program in a particular field (for example, schools with a training program in infectious disease).

**Step 1**: Select “training, institutional” under “funding mechanism.” This very general search results in over 2000 institutional training programs.

**Step 2**: Add the selection of an NIH institute in Agency/Institute/Center (see acronym list http://grants.nih.gov/grants/acronym_list.htm; note that this two letter code appears before the Project number). This search example results in ~180 NIAID institutional training programs around the nation in allergy and infectious disease areas and listed alphabetically by Project leader (partial results, below).

3. Search for a program, using text words.

**Step 1**: Enter text (note that search for text words occurs in Projects by default)

Example 1: A search using the term “post baccalaureate” results in ~90 programs;

Example 2: A search using the term “summer research” results in ~800 programs; “summer research veterinary” results in 32 programs

4. Explore RePORTER: More Searches

- Search for others at your own institution with a fellowship or career development award that you are considering. Perhaps they will share their tips for preparation.
- Identify researchers and projects you want to learn more about before your graduate program interview.
• Choose *institutions* that have experience with career development awards.