

FOA: Provider's Clinical Support System – Universities

OVERVIEW

On February 18th, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the 2021 Provider's Clinical Support System – Universities grants. This program aims to expand/enhance access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for individuals with an opioid use disorder by ensuring the education and training of students in the medical, physician assistant, and nurse practitioner fields. SAMHSA will award over \$5.4 million in total funding to eligible applicants that support students in fulfilling the training requirements needed to obtain a waiver to prescribe MAT in office-based settings.

The full FOA is available [here](#). Applications are due on April 20th.

FUNDING

Up to \$150,000 will be awarded annually through this program to up to 36 applicants. Funding limitations are as follows:

- No more than 10 percent of the award may be used for data collection, performance measurements, and performance assessment; and
- The indirect cost rate may not exceed 8 percent of the grant award for the budget period.

Contracts are expected to last for three years beginning on September 30th.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are medical schools, physician assistant schools, and schools of nursing.

PROGRAM SERVICES

Awarded applicants must implement the following required activities:

- Develop a Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) waiver training plan and work with other states for waiver reciprocity for students trained in the awarded applicant's school who may leave to practice in another state;
- Ensure faculty with the knowledge, training, expertise, and experience necessary to train students on DATA waiver content are secured to provide this training;
- Ensure DATA waiver training is a standard part of curriculum which is offered to all relevant students;
- Ensure appropriate students meet full training requirements for the waiver by the completion of their education;
- Provide appropriate marketing for the training, explanation of needs for the training, and outreach to students for the training project;
- Train students in both didactic and practice settings; and
- Develop a plan to sustain inclusion of the curriculum into the established school curricula and training of health professionals after the grant has ended.

Awarded applicants will also be permitted, but not required, to:

- Develop and implement DATA waiver education as part of a residency or fellowship training program;
- Develop and provide training and other resource materials for a variety of audiences and populations;
- Develop, implement, and/or participate in activities aimed at upgrading standards of professional practice for providers of substance use disorder prevention and treatment services, including working with academic institutions that train and educate students for these professions; and
- Develop strategies and materials to enhance recruitment and retention of substance use disorder treatment providers.

Awarded applicants will be expected to develop a behavioral health disparities impact statement no later than 60 days after receiving the award.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Statement of Need (15 points)
- Proposed Approach (35 points)
- Staff, Management, and Relevant Experience (30 points)
- Data Collection and Performance Measurement (20 points)

Awards will be distributed based on the above criteria, the availability of funds, and an equitable distribution of funding by geographic area, population need, and program size.

Timeline

Proposals must be submitted by April 20th. Program and eligibility questions should be submitted to Fola Kayode at folakayode@samhsa.hhs.gov. Fiscal and budget questions should be submitted to Corey Sullivan at FOACSAT@samhsa.hhs.gov. Grant review process and application status questions should be submitted to Irvin Moore at irvin.moore@samhsa.hhs.gov.