

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Nursing Scholarship Program (OMB No. 0915-0301)—[Revision]

The Nursing Scholarship Program (NSP) is a competitive Federal program, which awards scholarships to individuals for attendance at accredited schools of nursing. The Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (BCRS) in HRSA administers the program. The scholarship consists of payment of tuition, fees, other reasonable educational costs, and a monthly support stipend. In return, the students agree to provide a minimum of 2 years of full-time clinical service (or an equivalent part-time commitment, as approved by the NSP) at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses as defined by the program.

NSP recipients must be willing to and are required to fulfill their NSP service commitment at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses in the United States, which includes, in addition to the States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. Students who are uncertain of their commitment to provide nursing care in a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses in the United States or these territories are advised not to participate in this program.

The NSP needs to collect data to determine an applicant's eligibility for the program, to monitor a participant's continued enrollment in a school of nursing, to monitor the participant's compliance with the NSP service

obligation, and to obtain data on its program to ensure compliance with statutory mandates and prepare annual reports to Congress. The following information will be collected: (1) From the applicants and/or the schools—general applicant and nursing school data such as full name, location, tuition/fees, and enrollment status; (2) from the schools (on an annual basis)—data concerning tuition/fees and student enrollment status; and (3) from the participants and their health care facilities with a critical shortage of nurses (on a biannual basis)—data concerning the participant's employment status, work schedule, and leave usage. BCRS enters the cost information into its information data system, along with the projected amount for the monthly stipend, to determine the amount of each scholarship award.

The annual estimate of burden is as follows:

Instrument	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Application	4,000	1	4,000	2	8,000
In-School Monitoring	500	1	500	2	1,000
In-Service Monitoring	600	2	1,200	1	1,200
Total	5,100	5,700	10,200

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to the desk officer for HRSA, either by email to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-6974. Please direct all correspondence to the "attention of the desk officer for HRSA."

Dated: June 5, 2012.

Reva Harris,

Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Generic Clearance to Conduct Voluntary Customer/ Partner Surveys

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted

to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2012 (Vol. 77, No. 63, p. 19673) and allowed 60-days for public comment. A single public comment was received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: Generic Clearance to Conduct Voluntary Customer/Partner Surveys; *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of currently approved collection [OMB No. 0925-0476, expiration date 06/30/2012] *Form Number:* NA; *Need and Use of Information Collection:* Executive Order 12962 directed agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with

existing services. Additionally, since 1994, the NLM has been a "Federal Reinvention Laboratory" with a goal of improving its methods of delivering information to the public. An essential strategy in accomplishing reinvention goals is the ability to periodically receive input and feedback from customers about the design and quality of the services they receive. The NLM provides significant services directly to the public including health providers, researchers, universities, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and to others through a range of mechanisms, including publications, technical assistance, and Web sites. These services are primarily focused on health and medical information dissemination activities. The purpose of this submission is to obtain OMB's generic approval to continue to conduct satisfaction surveys of NLM's customers. The NLM will use the information provided by individuals and institutions to identify strengths and weaknesses in current services and to make improvements where feasible. The ability to periodically survey NLM's customers is essential to continually update and upgrade methods of providing high quality service.

Frequency of Response: Annually or biennially. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for profit; state or local governments;

Federal agencies; non-profit institutions; small businesses or organizations. *Type of Respondents:* Organizations, medical researchers, physicians and other health

care providers, librarians, students, and the general public. The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Types of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Researchers, Physicians, Other Health Care Providers, Librarians, Students, General Public	15,000	1	.150	2,250

The annualized cost to respondents for each year of the generic clearance is estimated to be \$20,670. There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request For Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Direct Comments to OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202-395-6974, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: David Sharlip, National Library of Medicine, Building 38A, Room B2N12, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894, or call non-toll free number 301-402-9680 or email your request to sharlip@mail.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: June 5, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development. Foreign patent applications are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Licensing information and copies of the U.S. patent applications listed below may be obtained by writing to the indicated licensing contact at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; telephone: 301-496-7057; fax: 301-402-0220. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent applications.

Treatment of Viral Infection by Blocking Interleukin-21

Description of Technology: Blocking interleukin (IL-21) may be an effective method to treat or prevent various viral infections. In the course of an immune response to a virus, IL-21, produced primarily by CD4⁺ T cells, can inhibit or stimulate (regulate), immune cell

function (B cells, T cells, natural killer cells, dendritic cells). IL-21 regulation may be either protective or pathological; autoimmune disease pathology has been associated with IL-21 promoted inflammation (in: Type 1 diabetes, lupus, and multiple sclerosis). This technology describes methods of blocking IL-21 that may reduce damaging inflammatory responses during certain viral infections. Specifically, the absence of IL-21 during respiratory viral infection such as pneumonia virus infection actually prevents some of the pathogenic effects that may be promoted by IL-21. Methods for controlling IL-21 signaling may be used to treat to prevent many pathological effects of pneumonia viruses, and other viral infections.

Potential Commercial Applications: Prevention and treatment of many pathological effects of viral infections, including pneumonia.

Competitive Advantages: New method for treating viral infection pathology.

Development Stage:

- Early-stage.
- Pre-clinical.
- *In vivo* data available (animal).

Inventors: Warren J. Leonard and Rosanne Spolski (NHLBI).

Publication: Spolski R, et al. IL-21 promotes the pathologic immune response to pneumovirus infection. *J Immunol.* 2012 Feb 15;188(4):1924-32. [PMID 22238461].

Intellectual Property: HHS Reference No. E-017-2012/0—U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/579,801 filed 23 Dec 2011.

Licensing Contact: Tedd Fenn; 301-435-5031; Tedd.Fenn.nih.gov.

Collaborative Research Opportunity: The NHLBI is seeking statements of capability or interest from parties interested in collaborative research to further develop, evaluate or commercialize treatment of viral infection by blocking Interleukin-21 (E-017-2012). For collaboration opportunities, please contact Vincent Kolesnitchenko, Ph.D. at kolesniv@nhlbi.nih.gov.