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The Empire Clinical Research Investigator Program (ECRIP)

The Empire Clinical Research Investigator Program (ECRIP) is sponsored by the Graduate Medical Education Unit of the NYS Department of Health. The ultimate goal of the program, according to the Commissioner of Health, is to increase the number of clinical researchers in New York State and "to help restore New York as the leader in biomedical research."

Teaching hospitals are invited to apply for the training award by proposing a clinical research project and a new research position as part of the project. The project must provide instruction in clinical research, such as course work in biostatistics, clinical trial design, grant writing, and research ethics. The researcher must spend at least 35 hours per week in the position and mentored by a faculty researcher. At NYHQ, special assistance is also provided by the staff of the Lang Research Center.

To qualify for this award, a teaching hospital must meet numerous criteria. Among the areas evaluated are: the clinical research experience of the institution and the mentor, the proposed investigator training, plans for reporting on and disseminating project results, and plans for tracking the career path of the investigator following training.

