

REQUEST for APPLICATIONS

CTSA-funded TLI Clinical Research Training Awards

Full-time mentored research training pre-doctoral fellowships supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)

This is a year-long mentored research training program in comparative effectiveness research (CER) and patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) (Kenneth Saag, MD, MSc, PD/PI; Marie "Tonette" Krousel-Wood, MD, MSPH, Co-Director). The TLI program is currently accepting applications from pre-doctoral students in health profession programs for open positions with a **flexible start date**.

Program content areas include but may not be limited to:

- Healthcare efficiency and disparities
- Healthcare quality measurement and improvement
- Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
- Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Pharmacoepidemiology and Patient Safety
- Health Informatics



The yearlong Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) TLI training program prepares pre-doctoral students to pursue careers in health services & outcomes research focused on CER and PCOR methods for evaluating the benefits and harms of different treatment strategies and interventions on patient outcomes in real world settings. Trainees will be required to actively engage in the mentored research experience with the goal of generating publishable data. Skills development will include exposure to epidemiological, statistical, experimental, and quasi-experimental methodologies, analysis of large data sets, health outcomes assessment, and economic evaluation, all with an emphasis on the practical application of outcomes research methodology.

From a past trainee: "My primary career goal is to become an efficient, effective contributor in the delivery of patient-centered healthcare; and having the chance to participate in this research mentorship program taught me skills to help me accomplish that goal." - R.W.

This one-year fellowship offers:

- NRSA Stipend for Full-Time Multidisciplinary Mentored Research Training.
- Tuition Support for an Approved MS/MSPH Degree Track at UAB or Tulane
- Seminar series – weekly seminar series focused on professional development and research skills
- Training Related Expenses – Limited funds are available to support health insurance, travel, and research

Our research and training base includes a partnership of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and Tulane University and is administered by the Partner Network (www.uab.edu/ccts/). The program offers a pool of over 30 experienced CER/PCOR Mentors. A list of potential mentors for the upcoming year is available upon request.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or have permanent residency status. Eligible applicants will be pre-doctoral students that have completed their first two years of their health profession program. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a commitment to full-time research training.

APPLICATION: The following materials are required:

1. Current CV including GPA and relevant test scores (i.e. GRE Scores V, Q, Adv and/or MCAT or PCAT Scores)
2. Official letter of good standing from current pre-doctoral program (usually comes from the local Registrar's office)
3. Two Letters of recommendation (Ex: former professor, co-worker, supervisor. Must not be a relative)
4. Two page personal statement clearly addressing each of the following:
 - a. Reason for interest in participating in a CER/PCOR experience,
 - b. Goals for research training and career development, including degree attainment, and
 - c. Describe research experience to date (if any).

SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS: Interested applicants can email their application as a single PDF document to ccts@uab.edu

CONTACT: For questions regarding start date, eligibility and the application process, please contact ccts@uab.edu