UAB CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2015 CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program supports a national consortium of institutions charged with transforming the way biomedical research is conducted. Funded by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, goals of the CTSA program are to accelerate the translation of laboratory discoveries into treatments for patients, engage communities in clinical research efforts and train a new generation of clinical and translational researchers.

The UAB Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) was formed to enhance human health by driving scientific discovery and dialogue across the bench, bedside and into the community. As the local CTSA hub, the UAB CCTS collaborates across the University campus and its network of Regional Partners in research and training. One such opportunity is the Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) Training Program. This program provides additional education and training opportunities in clinical and translational research over a six-month period (January to June) with class on Wednesday mornings, 8-10 am. Meetings take place in the Pittman Center for Advanced Medical Studies. Videoconference access is available for those more than driving distance from UAB.

We are now soliciting applications for the 2015 CTS Training Program. Based on their potential for an academic career in research, candidates identified by Department Chairs or Division Directors from biomedical-related departments and have typically reached the advanced postdoctoral, instructor or Assistant Professor levels. A Selection Committee, consisting of senior investigators from the CCTS Partner Network will choose up to 25 participants through a competitive review process.

Please circulate a copy of this document, the description of the application process and selection criteria, and the application form to those in your unit who may have an interest in this program. Potential candidates should complete an application form and return it with all required attachments **no later than 5 pm, Monday, November 17, 2014**.

If there are questions regarding the CCTS, please feel free to contact me (dchaplin@uab.edu or 205-934-3917). For questions about the CTS Training Program, contact Jean Lambert (jeanl@uab.edu or 205-934-5959).

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2015 Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) Training Program
Application Process and Requirements

A. CTS Training Program

The CTS Training Program is a 6-month program comprising approximately 50 hours of didactic lecture and interactive programming. Trainees will participate in 2-hour class sessions each week for six months, beginning in January 2015. Individuals pursuing this program will be prepared to conduct clinical and translational research responsibly and to refine their career-long research focus on clinical and translational science. A certificate signifying successful completion is awarded at the end of the program. No fee is charged for this program; no stipend is provided.

B. Eligible Applicants

The CTS Training Program is open to individuals at both the student and faculty levels. Students must be in graduate-level, degree-granting programs, professional schools or postdoctoral training programs. Faculty enrollees may be at any academic level from Instructor to Professor. Individuals may apply from any UAB Schools; the UA medical programs at Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery and Selma; any institutions of the UAB CCTS Partner Network; and the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University. We urge Department Chairs and Division Directors to assist in identifying and encouraging trainees with potential for an academic career in clinical and translational research to apply to this program.

C. Review and Selection of Applicants

Each application will be reviewed by a committee consisting of senior investigators from the CCTS Partner Network. To be considered for the program, applicants must have identified a mentor and a research project or concept for a project to be developed over the time frame of the program.

D. Successful Completion of the CTS Training Program

To successfully complete the CTS Training Program, each trainee will be expected to achieve the following milestones:

1. Present a concept for a research project as a component of the application;
2. during the course, prepare and present an abstract describing the research concept;
3. participate actively through preparation, discussion and attendance in class (80% attendance at scheduled weekly sessions required); and
4. attend one (1) meeting of the Institutional Review Board as scheduled by the Program.

E. Items to be Submitted in Application

The following items must be completed and submitted as one PDF. The filename should include the applicants last name. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

1. Completed application form and checklist.
2. Letter (1 page) from applicant to include a statement of
- career plans,
- how the CTS Training Program would promote the candidate's career, and
- a commitment to complete at least 80% of the class sessions.

3. Concept description (1 page) of applicant's research project.
4. Current CV and sources of financial support of applicant.
5. Letter (1 page) of support from mentor acknowledging the mentoring role and the support of the proposed research project.
6. CV of mentor.
7. Letter (1 page) from applicant's **immediate supervisor** to include

- applicant qualifications and reasons why participation in the CTS Training Program will enhance his/her career development,
- **a** s**tatement of support for protected time to complete training, and**
- a listing of current clinical or translational investigational research projects in which the applicant is involved.

8. *If not the immediate supervisor*, a letter (1 page) of support should also be included from the applicant's Division/Program Director or Department Chair to include

- A statement of support that applicant will have protected time to complete training, and
- the identification of the source of funding for protected time.

F. Deadline and Submission

Completed application packets should be submitted as a single PDF to jeanl@uab.edu. **All applications must be received by 5:00pm on Monday, November 17 , 2014.**

G. Direct Questions to:

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME:

TERMINAL DEGREE(S) eRA COMMONS NAME

CAMPUS ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP :

EMAIL ADDRESS: PHONE NUMBER:

INSTITUTION SCHOOL

DEPT/DIV (PRIMARY APPT:) TITLE

TITLE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

As a condition of enrollment, I agree to participate in annual surveys pertaining to the CTS Training Program during the 10 year period following completion of the program.

☐ Yes, I agree

LETTER WRITER INFORMATION

1) NAME: ROLE

2) NAME: ROLE

3) NAME: ROLE

For more information on this and other programs of the CCTS, please visit www.uab.edu/ccts

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Letter from applicant
- ☐ Identification of a Clinical and/ or Translational Investigation Project(s) with one page concept description
- ☐ Current CV and sources of financial support of applicant
- ☐ Letter of support from mentor acknowledging support of research project
- ☐ CV of mentor
- ☐ Letter from applicant's immediate supervisor
- ☐ Letter of support from applicant's Division/Program
- ☐ Director or Department Chair (if not immediate supervisor)

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