

Request for Applications 8-week Program in Comparative Effectiveness and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research

Clinically-focused students in the earliest stages of training may have an interest but limited experience in comparative effectiveness research (CER), patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and related topics. The **8-week program** in CER and PCOR at UAB [Kenneth Saag, MD, MSc, PD/PI; Marie “Tonette” Krousel-Wood, MD, MSPH, Co-Director] provides an opportunity for a hands-on research experience leading to the generation of research products, all within a supportive, mentored research environment.

POTENTIAL RESEARCH CONTENT:

- Patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR)
- Comparative effectiveness research (CER)
- Translating research evidence into practice and policy
- Healthcare efficiency and disparities
- Healthcare quality measurement and improvement
- Implementation science
- Pharmaco-epidemiology and patient safety
- Risk communication
- Health informatics

SEMINAR SERIES: In addition to mentored research, a weekly seminar series will focus on professional development and provide exposure to core competencies in clinical and translational research and CER/PCOR.

PROPOSED TOPICS FOR THE 8-WEEK ENRICHMENT PROGRAM:

Week 1: Orientation, How to be a mentee? Developing an IDP	Week 5: Responsible Conduct of Research
Week 2: Introduction to CER/PCOR	Week 6: Stats 101
Week 3: CER/PCOR Study Design 101	Week 7: Community/Stakeholder Engagement in PCOR
Week 4: Information Finding and Evaluation of CER/PCOR Literature	Week 8: Trainee Presentations

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

APPLICATION: A **cover letter** of interest containing applicant contact information, timeframe available, and two references is required. In addition, the following attachments 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 Medical or Pharmacy School (usually comes from the local Registrar)
3. Letters of recommendation (2)
4. One to two page personal statement clearly addressing each of the following:
 - a. Reason for interest in participating in a patient centered outcomes research experience,
 - b. How this 8-week experience connects to long-term career goals, and
 - c. Describe research experience to date (if any).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but must be submitted by March 6, 2017.

Submit applications to Ryan Outman—Administrative Director at routman@uab.edu.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- **The training program period is Monday, June 5, 2017 to Friday, July 28, 2017.** In select circumstances, alternate starting and ending dates may be possible.
- Trainees must devote full-time effort (40 hours per week). Clinical duties are limited to those that are an integral part of the research training experience.
- **The stipend for the 8-week program is \$3,820.** The CCTS will work with out-of-town trainees to **identify and cover the cost of housing**.

CONTACT: For questions regarding eligibility, program requirements and the application process, please contact Ryan Outman (routman@uab.edu or 205.996.9672) or the CCTS (ccts@uab.edu or 205.934.7442).