

Request for Applications One-Year Clinical Research Training Program

Full-time paid mentored research training experience

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 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) TL1 training program prepares investigators 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 health conditions 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 relevant 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.

This one-year fellowship offers:

- **\$22,920 NRSA stipend for full-time multidisciplinary mentored research training**
- **\$16,000 Tuition support for an approved MS/MSPH degree track at UAB or Tulane**
- **\$1,500 Travel support**
- **Training-related expenses – up to \$4,500** available to support health insurance, travel, and research related expenditures
- **Seminar series** – weekly seminar series focused on professional development and research skills

Our research and training base includes a partnership of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and Tulane University and is administered by the Center for Clinical and Translational Science 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 in the CCTS’ Partner Network 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. Letters of recommendation (2)
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 will email his/her application to Rachael Ruiz—Senior Program Coordinator at r Ruiz1@tulane.edu and Ryan Outman, Administrative Director, CCTS Training Academy, routman@uab.edu

CONTACT: For questions regarding eligibility, program requirements and the application process, please contact Tulane University (r Ruiz1@tulane.edu or 504.988.1145) or the CCTS (ccts@uab.edu or 205.934.7442).