Request for Applications
Pre-Doctoral Clinical / Translational Research (CCTS T Program)
Option for MS/MSPH Degree

Full-time mentored research training experience with stipend

This mentored research training program is currently accepting applications from doctoral students in health-related profession programs. The mission of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is to address disparities and/or diseases disproportionally represented in the Deep South.

Full-time doctoral students at CCTS partner institutions seeking an MD, PhD, DDS, DMD, DVM, and dual-degrees are invited to apply. This includes students in the following health-related professional programs:

- Medicine
- Bioengineering
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Clinical Psychology/Psychiatry
- Public Health/Epidemiology
- Optometry/Ophthalmology
- Physical Therapy/Rehab Medicine
- Biomedical Sciences
- Informatics

In addition to actively engaging in a 12- or 24-month mentored research experience, trainees will:

- Experience dynamic learning with multi-disciplinary peers of excellence
- Have access to pool of 30+ experienced mentors
- Benefit from career-enriching training
- Gain exposure to epidemiological & statistical methodologies

This one- or two-year fellowship offers:

- NRSA stipend (currently $27,144) for full-time multidisciplinary mentored research training
- $1,500 Travel support for ACTS national meeting
- Up to $16,000 tuition support towards Master's degree/certificate/coursework
- Training-related expenses available to support health insurance & research related costs

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates must be U.S. citizens or have permanent residency status. Eligible applicants will be full-time doctoral students in the CCTS Partner Network that will have completed the first two years of their doctoral degree by July 2024. Candidates must be able to demonstrate a commitment to full-time research training.

APPLICATION: The following materials are required (submission as one PDF; see website below):

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), one optimally from a potential mentor
4. Three-page personal statement that addresses a) Reason for interest in translational research, b) Research experience to date, c) Goals for research training & career development including degree attainment proposed, d) Project plans for research year (see instructions on website), and e) How proposed project addresses health disparities/diseases that disproportionately affect the Deep South. Guidance can be found on the website below.

For assistance identifying co-mentors across the CCTS partner network, please contact Jeanne (jsmerchant@uabmc.edu or 205.492.9744).

SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS: The interested applicant will submit their application online:

https://www.uab.edu/ccts/training-academy/research-fellowships/tl1

Application materials are due by December 15, 2023.

CONTACT: For questions regarding eligibility, program requirements, and the application process, please contact Jeanne Merchant (jsmerchant@uabmc.edu or 205.492.9744).

The CCTS Partner Network includes Universities of Alabama, Alabama at Birmingham, Auburn, South Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana State, Tulane and Tuskegee as well as the research institutions of Hudson-Alpha Institute for Biotechnology, Pennington Biomedical Research Center and Southern Research. Supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences